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121 - X CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet December 29, 1955, in which you furnished information concerning captioned organization.

Bureau authority is granted to conduct discreet inquiries concerning captioned organization. These inquiries should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66. Submit results in report form suitable for dissemination to reach the Bureau no later than thirty days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/29/55

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-¹²²rew)

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SUBJECT: CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
IS - X

Reports have been submitted to the Bureau captioned
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bufile 105-33955.

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An ad in the Montgomery Advertiser, a daily newspaper
published at Montgomery, Alabama, issue dated 12/13/55, states
that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, P. O. Box 2563,
Montgomery, is dedicated to maintaining segregation, peace,
order, domestic tranquillity and preservation of our States
Rights by Peaceful and Legal Means. The ad solicited member-
ship, noting that annual dues are \$3.50.

[redacted] who is known personally to SA [redacted] and who has
furnished reliable security information, advised SA [redacted] on
12/23/55 that he [redacted] for the captioned
group and that SAM ENGLEHARDT, 1025 Woodward Avenue, is Chairman.
[redacted] stated there are no un-American elements in the group and
the aims are as stated in the newspaper and referred to above.
He added that the group is autonomous and not formally connected
with the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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Accordingly, a separate file is being opened in this
office captioned as above. In accordance with instructions
previously issued by the Bureau covering this type of case,
no investigation will be conducted without Bureau authorization.
Inquiries, however, will be made subject to limitations set
forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 1/27/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-172)

SUBJECT: CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to Bureau memo to Mobile, dated 1/11/56, instructing that discreet inquiries be made concerning captioned organization and that a report be submitted to reach the Bureau within 30 days after receipt of Bureau communication.

It is noted that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is one of 7 Councils formed in that portion of Alabama covered by Mobile. The Bureau, in file entitled CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bureau file 105-33955, has been notified that a state-wide organization of Citizens Councils was contemplated. Inasmuch as it appears that the various Citizens Councils will then be under a state-wide organization, separate files were not opened on the individual Councils and the Bureau was informed that for the present, this office would continue to report on all of the Councils in the main file entitled CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

Inasmuch as separate files will not be opened on the other individual County Citizens Councils unless it appears that a state-wide organization will not be formed, the Mobile file entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is being consolidated into the main file and information concerning it will be reported on under the caption CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

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cc - Mr. Williams

February 17, 1956

SAG, Mobile

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZEN'S COUNCIL.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X. Reurairtel February 11, 1956,
captioned "Racial Situation, Montgomery, Alabama."

You are instructed to submit a report on the captioned organization to reach the Bureau no later than February 27, 1956. This deadline must be met without fail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI, MOBILE

2/16/56

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI

① CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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ReBulet dated 1/11/56.

Report in this matter delayed originally because info received prior to 2/10/56 meeting, captioned group, that at that meeting plans would be announced for formation of state-wide organization, in which case captioned case would be closed and data reported under caption ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. However, no such plans were announced at 2/10/56 meeting, and report currently being prepared.

Preparation of report delayed again 2/14 and 2/15/56, by receipt of considerable additional pertinent data. Report will be prepared immediately, and should reach Bureau by 2/22/56.

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Mr. Belmont

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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cc MR. BRANIGAN

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

February 17, 1956

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
FBI FILE ~~100-135-4~~ *file*

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 10, 1956, your reference WO:ABC:ARG 144-1-262, with which you furnished for the information of the Bureau a transcript of a telephone message from Mr. Thurgood Marshall.

CITIZENS COUNCIL

For your information, the Mobile Office of this Bureau has advised the rally of the Central Alabama Citizens Council on February 10, 1956, was attended by an estimated 12,000 persons. At this rally, Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook said in reference to the Supreme Court decision on desegregation in schools, "The time has now come to ... use defiance, nullification and refusal to obey." He said, "We will not permit racial suicide in Georgia at any price and I am sure the people of Alabama feel the same way." Attorney General Cook also stated that the goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to remove all racial barriers including that of racial inter-marriage.

United States Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, the featured speaker, while characterizing the Supreme Court as "a nine-man oligarchy" and while calling its desegregation decision "illegal, dishonest and a disgrace," repeatedly urged that resistance to desegregation should be by local means. He said, "The fight we wage must be a just and legal fight. Acts of violence and lawlessness have no place in our organization." He warned that acts of violence against Negroes would injure the cause of citizens councils by providing propaganda for the enemies of segregation. He urged organization and militancy in resisting desegregation and lauded the nullification and interposition act of the Alabama legislature. He remarked, "The Anglo-Saxon people have held steadfast to the belief that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God."

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Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

At the end of the meeting, State Senator Sam Englehardt, Jr., chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens Council, urged the crowd to "go home peacefully and orderly."

No information has been received that any acts of violence or disorder occurred at or after the meeting.

2cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: Feb. 10, 1956

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division WO:ABC:ARG

SUBJECT: Racial Situation *Central Alabama* 144-1-262
Montgomery, Alabama
Your FBI File 100-135-4

Citizens Council

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The attached transcript of a telephone message from Mr. Thurgood Marshall in New York City, is submitted for your information.

Memo Airtel to Room 2-10-52 C/M: [unclear]

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Telephone call from Thurgood Marshall, New York City, Feb. 10, 1956, 2:35 PM

Marshall: I want to bring you up to date on something. [redacted]

[redacted] (phonetic) just got back. [redacted]
relieves [redacted] [redacted] is Senior Judge and
is behind the scenes, and took it out of [redacted]
lap.

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Don't rely too much on the other things we discussed.
All hell is going to break loose at this Eastland
meeting in Montgomery. There is a lot of talk on both
sides. We are worried to death about it. Nothing we
can do. We have our preachers out talking to the
people - that is all.

ABC: The matter's going over to Feb. 29.

Marshall: They wanted to put it off indefinitely. The other thing
is all three of these people arrested who were leading
this thing at Tuscaloosa are all going to speak at this
meeting in Montgomery. I think you ought at least try
to get that down on tape.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *FR*

DATE: 2-10-56

FROM : Mr. Price *JP*

Central Alabama Citizens

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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This is to record that at 4:50 p.m. on 2-10-56, Supervisor [redacted] of the Civil Rights Unit was telephonically advised by [redacted] A. B. Caldwell, Chief, Civil Rights Section, Criminal Division that Caldwell had received a telephone call from Thurgood Marshall, General Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. According to Caldwell, Marshall was referring to a meeting scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama. Caldwell was going to furnish a memorandum to the Bureau regarding the conversation. Caldwell stated he had mentioned the conversation to Olney and Olney felt the information should be forwarded to the Bureau. Caldwell requested no action. Memorandum submitted for information.

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The attached memorandum from the Criminal Division was received at 5:06 p.m., and contains a description of the conversation between Marshall and Caldwell. The transcript indicates that Eastland (probably Senator James Eastland of Mississippi) is going to be at a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, and that individuals who had been arrested in connection with the demonstration at the University of Alabama over the attendance of [redacted] at the University, would speak at the Montgomery meeting. By teletype 2-8-56 the Birmingham Office advised that a meeting of the White Citizens Council was scheduled to be held in Montgomery, Alabama, on 2-10-56.

[redacted] University of Alabama Police, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had advised the Mobile Office [redacted]

[redacted] both of Montgomery, had sought permission to use public address system of the University of Alabama campus 2-7-56 to advertise such meeting. Marshall feared there would be trouble at the meeting.

ACTION:

As this concerns the meeting of the White Citizens Council, this information has been brought to the attention of the Internal Security Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division, for any necessary action.

* MEMORANDUM WAS FURNISHED TO INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AT 5:00 PM 2/10/56. CLM

cc: 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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ADDENDUM DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION - 2-10-56

At 6:45 p.m. 2/10/56, SAC Fred Hallford at Mobile was telephonically advised by Inspector Joseph A. Sizoo of information that there may be trouble at the meeting tonight in Montgomery as received by the Department from Thurgood Marshall. Hallford was instructed to have no agents participate in any way in this meeting and for agents to stay clear of this matter. Hallford was also instructed to advise the Bureau telephonically in the event a racial disturbance occurs and to advise Bureau by teletype of results of meeting in event there is no disturbance. Hallford also advised there is no need to notify local police concerning this matter, inasmuch as they are no doubt cognizant of the potential for violence due to the current racial situation in Montgomery.

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Upon receipt of information relative to this meeting, it will be furnished the Department and interested Government agencies. It was not considered advisable to make tape recording of this meeting as suggested by Thurgood Marshall nor was it believed advisable to contact Senator Eastland's office regarding this matter.

Mr. Boardman and Mr. Nichols were advised of the above action and agreed.

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Advised Boardman & Nichols that...

*Indd we send no memo
to Albany confirming phone
call to Jack Caldwell
instructed or requested
no action. In future we
must place memo on record
so as to protect Bureau.*

ADDENDUM: (2/11/56)

As of 2:00 P.M. today advice has not been received from Mobile Office with reference to last night's meeting in Montgomery, Alabama; however, news releases reflect that Senator Eastland did address a White Citizens Council rally in Montgomery last evening and there was no information in the releases indicating any type of a racial incident occurred.

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*Barney Pittman
Belmont*

(EASTLAND)

MONTGOMERY, ALA. --SEN. JAMES O. EASTLAND TOLD A WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY HERE TONIGHT THAT "EVERY COUNTY, EVERY CITY AND EVERY COMMUNITY MUST ORGANIZE TO FIGHT RACIAL INTEGRATION."

THE MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRAT, SPEAKING TO A LARGE CROWD OF SEGREGATIONISTS AT THE HUGE STATE AGRICULTURAL COLISEUM, PRAISED THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE FOR PASSING AN "INTERPOSITION" RESOLUTION WHICH DECLARES THAT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT SEGREGATION RULINGS ARE "NULL, VOID AND OF NO EFFECT" IN ALABAMA.

"GENERATIONS YET UNBORN WILL BLESS YOUR NAME," EASTLAND SAID OF THE LEGISLATURE.

"YOU HAVE ASSERTED IN PLAIN AND UNEQUIVOCAL LANGUAGE THAT THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO JUDICIAL TYRANNY BY A NINE-MAN OLIGARCHY THAT HAS DEPARTED FROM EVERY PRECEDENT OF LAW AND REASON."

ALABAMA GOV. JAMES E. FOLSOM SAID EARLIER TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS BUT ADDED THAT "NOTHING BASED ON HATE CAN EXIST FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IN A CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY."

"I FAVOR WHITE COUNCILS, RED AND BLACK COUNCILS," THE GOVERNOR SAID. BUT HE ADDED THAT "I CANNOT LEAD THIS STATE IF I BASE MY THINKING ON HATE."

FOLSOM WAS NOT INVITED TO THE RALLY. A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNOR WAS OPPOSED TO THE MOVEMENT.

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Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Parsons	/
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Mr. Tamm	/
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DIRECTOR, FBI

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CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALA. IS DASH X.

RE PHONE CALL INSP. J. A. SIZOO 2-10-56

CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL RALLY, MONTGOMERY, ALA., FEB.

TEN, LAST, ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED TWELVE THOUSAND PERSONS, WHO

HEARD GA. ATTORNEY GENERAL EUGENE COOK SAY, IN REFERENCE TO

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON DESEGREGATION IN SCHOOLS, QUOTE

THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO USE DEFIANCE, NULLIFICATION

AND REFUSAL TO OBEY QUOTE. HE SAID ALSO QUOTE WE WILL NOT

PERMIT RACIAL SUICIDE IN GA. AT ANY PRICE AND I AM SURE THE

PEOPLE OF ALA. FEEL THE SAME WAY QUOTE. HE SAID THAT THE GOAL

OF THE NAACP IS TO REMOVE ALL RACIAL BARRIERS INCLUDING THAT

OF RACIAL INTERMARRIAGE. IN FEATURED ADDRESS SEN. JAMES O.

EASTLAND OF MISS. WHILE CHARACTERIZING THE SUPREME COURT

AS QUOTE A NINE MAN OLIGARCHY QUOTE AND WHILE CALLING ITS

DESEGREGATION QUOTE ILLEGAL, DISHONEST AND A DISGRACE QUOTE

WAS REPEATEDLY URGENT IN REMARKING THAT RESISTENCE TO

DESEGREGATION SHOULD BE BY LOCAL MEANS. HE SAID QUOTE THE

FIGHT WE WAGE MUST BE A JUST AND LEGAL FIGHT. ACTS OF FEB 21 1956

VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR ORGANIZATION QUOTE.

HE WARNED THAT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST NEGROES WOULD INJURE

THE CAUSE OF THE CITIZENS COUNCILS, BY PROVIDING PROPAGANDA

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Mr. Belmont

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FOR THE ENEMIES OF SEGREGATION. HE URGED ORGANIZATION
AND MILITANCY IN RESISTING DESEGREGATION AND LAUDED THE
NULLIFICATION AND INTERPOSITION ACT OF ALA. LEGISLATURE .

HE REMARKED ~~QUOTE~~ THE ANGLOE SAXON PEOPLE HAVE HELD STEADFAST
TO THE BELIEF THAT RESISTENCE TO TYRANNY IS OBEDIENCE TO GOD "
~~QUOTE~~. AT THE END OF THE MEETING STATE SEN. SAM ENGLEHARDT, JR.,

CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL URGED THE CROWD TO

~~QUOTE~~ "GO HOME PEACEFULLY AND ORDERLY ~~QUOTE~~. ABOVE REMARKS

FROM SPEECHES AT MEETING TAKEN FROM MONTGOMERY ADVERTIZER,
FEB. ELEVEN, FIFTYSIX AND IN PART FROM MONITORING OF SPEECHES

BY SA [REDACTED] BY RADIO. CLIPPINGS AND ADDITIONAL

REMARKS WILL BE FURNISHED IN COMPLETE REPORT ON MEETING BY

LETTER. NO ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR DISORDER REPORTED AT THE

MEETING OR AFTERWARD ACCORDING TO PRESS AND TWO CONTACTS OF

MONTGOMERY RA. MEETING COVERED WIDELY BY PRESS FROM ALL OVER

COUNTRY ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT ON RADIO.

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS-X. ReBuairtel
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"Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, IS-X."

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Although citizens councils in Alabama are being
consolidated into a state-wide organization you are instructed
to submit a separate report on the captioned organization to
reach the Bureau no later than March 2, 1956. This deadline
must be met without fail.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:
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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 2/24/56

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZEN'S COUNCIL
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Re Bureau Airtel dated 2/17/56 instructing that a report be submitted by 2/27/56.

The Bureau is referred to Mobile memo dated 2/21/56 entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, BUFILE 105-33955, reporting formation of state-wide organization of CITIZENS COUNCILS in ALABAMA.

The Bureau was advised in this memo dated 2/21/56 that a separate report entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL would not be submitted but information pertaining to CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL will be included in a report which will be submitted in the near future entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA. The file on CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL has been consolidated into the file of ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 2-28-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: Citizens Council of
Central Alabama

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I had a personal and confidential conversation with [redacted] "The Tuscaloosa News," Tuscaloosa, Alabama, whom you will recall as a former Special Agent and who was assigned in this Division during the war years. [redacted] is a high-minded person. In my conversation with him late Saturday afternoon [redacted] told me that the situation down there was inconceivable; that had he told 6 months ago that the trend of events would come to pass which has come to pass, he would have laughed at anyone who told him. He stated that he has become a target of invectiveness because of the stand which he has taken over the segregation issue; namely, that it is coming and we have got to face reality, that we've got to make the best of the situation. [redacted] told me that had the situation as it developed at the upshot been handled promptly there would have been little difficulty, that the mob was permitted to get out of control and milled around for three days. [redacted] further told that it is his opinion that if the Judge orders [redacted] admitted to the University of Alabama at the hearing on Wednesday, February 29, it is his considered judgment that she is likely to be killed and there will likely be a shooting.

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He characterized [redacted] as a bone being fought over by dogs. [redacted] states he has taken more abuse in this situation than in anything else in his newspaper career, that the [redacted] incident is being magnified out of all proportion around the world, that a Japanese paper even has a correspondent down there as have papers from practically every section of the country. He has had communications from around the world. He further stated that the parents of students attending the University of Alabama have actually come to Tuscaloosa carrying firearms for the sole purpose of seeing that [redacted] did not enter the University of Alabama. He stated that on Friday night, February 24, there was a meeting of the Citizens Council at Tuscaloosa and not more than 6 people present were known by members of

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont
cc - Mr. Rosen

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson

2-28-56

[redacted] staff, and he thinks that those in attendance came in from nearby areas. [redacted] attended the meeting last week called by Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama and prior to the meeting [redacted] talked to him for an hour and a half by himself and told the Governor exactly what the situation was. [redacted] feels that the Governor would like to do the right thing, but he is surrounded by a group of panhandlers, that he would be a good Governor if he had good people around him although [redacted] is personally not attracted to the Governor. [redacted] thinks that should the Judge order [redacted] back to the University of Alabama, the Governor will call out the militia but the difficulty is that the militia feels exactly like the people who would form any mob. [redacted] stated that the rabid element in NAACP have been pushing too rapidly and have largely brought this situation on themselves.

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He then told me in the strictest of confidence and with the admonition that I could advise only the Director for his confidential information that on February 24 at a secret meeting with [redacted] [redacted] he told [redacted] that if he persisted in pressing this matter he, [redacted] would have blood on his hands, and he told [redacted] that [redacted] should try to prevail upon [redacted] to step aside as a symbol of seeking law and order and that to his surprise he found [redacted] tending to agree with him. His opinion was that [redacted] is frightened and that additional pressure will be brought to bear in the next few days to seek to hasten matters by the time the case comes up on February 29. [redacted] stated that there are a lot of occurrences which are not being put in the papers because they would only inflame the present situation.

He stated that white men in Tuscaloosa are patrolling the streets and at night they tell Negroes to get off the street and go home or be shot. The other day [redacted] night watchman was shot in the back with a shotgun. Everybody feels that this was a retaliatory action by Negroes although [redacted] does not know. [redacted] stated that he has been able to see some of the Bureau's influence beginning to crop out in press accounts and that this was one of the most constructive things that had occurred and wondered if there was anything he could do, if there was anyone he could talk to in the event there were any plans to seek additional legislation. I told him that frankly I just did not know. He stated that this would be the most harmful course of action that could occur at this time unless some reason returns.

On Sunday I talked to [redacted] who is doing a series of articles for the Herald Tribune in Montgomery. [redacted] stated that the people up North have no conception what the situation is in the South. He stated that there is almost fanatical resistance, that he is surprised that outbreaks of violence have not already occurred. He referred to the Citizens Council meeting

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in Tuscaloosa on Friday night, February 24, and the Saturday night Citizens Council meeting on February 11. He stated that he sat in these meetings and could feel the tension mounting. He stated that the NAACP is doing a grave disservice and that he was going to talk to his paper to see if he could get some of the people on the paper interested to the extent of interceding with the NAACP. He stated that there was being circulated in the South considerable literature on the NAACP which is of an inflammatory nature. He stated, however, that the most devastating thing being circulated has not as yet been printed. A Mississippi organizer of the NAACP named [redacted] went to an NAACP meeting in Arkansas and apparently the Citizens Council had a microphone in the meeting and made a recording that [redacted] was supposed to have gotten into the sex question and then started talking about the oppressed white women of the South. These oppressed white women want alliances with Negro men. The NAACP has denounced the transcription as a forgery although it has been placed before the Alabama State Senate. He was sending a copy of the recording to New York 2-26-56 and I will try to get a copy of it whenever it is transcribed.

[redacted] of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, called [redacted] in my absence 2-27-56 referring to information he had previously furnished to me on Saturday. [redacted] asked that I be advised that he had checked with both the Chief of Police and the Police Commissioner and the situation is no different than it was last Saturday.

[redacted] states they are still sitting on a powder keg and while it appears calm on the surface, feeling runs very deep beneath the surface. For example, an unverified rumor has spread around the city that a large group of white persons with guns are determined not to let the colored girl return to the University of Alabama. As a further indication of the tensions, [redacted] states that Saturday night a Negro tried to grab a white woman who was getting off a bus and she broke away from him and the Negro, of course, got away. No arrests have been made.

In another incident over the weekend, a 70-year-old white woman who lives near a Negro district has advised that Negroes pass her house and curse her and throw rocks and bottles at her home. She says she will defend herself with a gun. As another incident, [redacted] advised that a railroad flagman has advised that Negroes come by his shack at his crossing, curse him and dare him to come out in the street. These incidents, [redacted] stated, are not reported in the press, no arrests have been made and nothing appears on any dockets anywhere but they show great possibilities "of the battle of the University of Alabama if that colored girl returns."

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Captioned organization originated 10/3/55 at Montgomery, Ala., originally as MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL, organized by [redacted] SAM ENGELHARDT, Ala. State Senator; and others with assistance of [redacted] President of AMERICAN STATE'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION of Birmingham, Ala. [redacted] reported to have stated 2/8/56 that CENTRAL ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL composed of 2 counties, Montgomery and Macon. Generally, activities have consisted mainly of holding meetings and rallies, recruiting members and obtaining headquarters in Montgomery. Officers include State Senator ENGELHARDT as Chairman, [redacted] as legal counsel, and Messrs [redacted] and [redacted]. Stated aims are the maintenance of segregation, preservation of peace, order and domestic tranquility in Ala., and preservation of State's Rights by "peaceful and legal" means. Actions taken thus far to further aims have been speeches at public rallies, distribution of literature, radio broadcasts, and possible legal action against Negroes.

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ORIGIN

The "Montgomery Advertiser", daily newspaper at Montgomery, in its October 2, 1955, issue carried an article captioned "Ingalls Starts Citizen Group". This article reflects that efforts to form a pro-segregation WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL in Montgomery County would be launched on the night of October 3, 1955, and stated that LUTHER INGALLS, Montgomery ^{Ala.} Attorney and former State Legislator, would act as temporary Chairman. The article stated further that Senator SAM ENGELHARDT of Macon Ala. County would deliver the keynote address and stated that Senator ENGELHARDT had performed this same service in several other Alabama counties. The article said also that JACK RILEY, a Ala. Montgomery businessman, was "closely associated with the group". The meeting on October 3, 1955, was described as a "preliminary organizational meeting". In the same article Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying the WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL had been doing splendid work and for instance in Dallas County, Alabama, "about 16 Negroes were fired from their jobs for adding their names to a petition for integration." Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying further that he believed the WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL movement would spread and the groups would organize. He said "they will form chapters and become similar to fraternal organizations".

Ala. The October 4, 1955, edition of the "Montgomery Advertiser" described the organizational meeting of October 3, 1955. It stated that about 300 persons attended this meeting which was held at the City Auditorium, Montgomery. Senator ENGELHARDT was billed as the main speaker. The article stated that the address by OLIN HORTON of Birmingham proved the most receptive to the audience. HORTON was identified as "President of the AMERICAN STATE'S RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, a pro-segregation group". In his speech Mr. HORTON, according to the article, was critical of Alabama's "political leaders", criticizing them for failing to take a strong stand on the issue of segregation. HORTON also criticized the United States Supreme Court. Senator ENGELHARDT attacked the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, labeling it a group "led by Communist who want to mongrelize the white race". Other speakers at the meeting included C. E. McELVINE, J. D. YORK, JACK RILEY, Reverend JOHN BOB RIDDLE, LUTHER INGALLS and EUGENE S. HALL.. Ala.

Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director,
ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, 206 Moore Building, advised

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on October 19, 1955, that he attended the meeting on October 3, 1955, and said that no organizing steps were taken at this rally which was attended by approximately 450 people according to his count.

An advertisement appeared in the "Montgomery Advertiser" dated October 23, 1955, which identified the captioned organization as "Montgomery County Citizens Council". This advertisement was in the form of a "request for membership" and provided spaces for name, address, city of residence of persons who desired to become members of the organization. The address of the council was given as Post Office Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama.

A similar advertisement appeared in the December 13, 1955, issue of the "Montgomery Advertiser" giving the same box number, P. O. Box 2563, but reflecting the name of the organization as the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.

SCOPE

On February 15, 1956, [redacted] furnished a copy of the constitution of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. This document contains no specific information relating to the scope of this organization. The only restriction on membership is "the membership of this council shall consist of patriotic white citizens".

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[redacted] advised on ^{Tenn. Ala.} February 15, 1956, that in a recent conversation with one [redacted] a research worker from Fisk University, [redacted] advised [redacted] that she learned on February 8, 1956, from [redacted] that the membership of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL was to be drawn from two counties, Macon and Montgomery. [redacted] advised [redacted] that she had earlier discussed this matter with an unidentified receptionist at the headquarters of captioned organization who told [redacted] that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL was comprised of "several counties" including and surrounding Montgomery County.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised on February 15, 1956, [redacted] advised him that in her conversation with [redacted] on

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February 8, 1956, he advised her the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL believed in maintaining segregation as a social institution in Alabama but did not believe in attaining this end by the use of any force or violence or by the use of any economic sanctions or reprisals.

[redacted] told [redacted] that the principle means to be used by the council was education. [redacted] described the organization as being an eleemosynary institution and stated the organization had no state charter.

Referring to the boycott of the Montgomery City Bus Lines by the Negro people of Montgomery, Alabama [redacted] told [redacted] that specifically in this matter the CITIZENS COUNCIL is not considering any economic reprisals against the Negro people. He pointed out that he had not taken any economic reprisals against the Negro people. He pointed out that he had not taken any economic reprisals against his own maid although she has continued to refuse to ride the buses. He said "we are trying to talk Negroes individually into riding buses and trying to get more people to ride them."

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[redacted] stated on February 15, 1956, that [redacted] told him that on the same day, February 8, 1956, she discussed the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL with a cab driver who identified himself as an active member of the group. [redacted] stated that the cab driver told her that one of the principle activities of the group at the present time is that of building membership.

[redacted] stated that in this connection [redacted] allegedly told [redacted] on February 8, 1956, that as of November 1955, the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL had 165 members but as of February 8, 1956, it had 10,000 members, mostly in Montgomery. [redacted] told [redacted] that "before long" they expected to have approximately 40,000 members.

[redacted] advised on January 30, 1956, that recently the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL had acquired a headquarters at 230 S. Perry Street, Montgomery.

The foregoing information concerning Headquarters address was personally verified by SA [redacted] by observation on January 30, 1956.

OFFICERS

The copy of the constitution of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL furnished by Reverend HUGHES on February 15, 1956, contains the following statement under Section IV captioned "Officers":

"The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Board of Directors.

"The officers shall be elected by the membership of the organization and shall serve for one year from the date of election or until their successor shall have been elected, or appointed as hereinafter provided."

The January 7, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal", a daily newspaper at Montgomery, in furnishing information concerning a meeting of captioned organization on January 6, 1956, reflected that the following persons were officers of the organization:

- SAM ENGELHARDT, Chairman.
- LUTHER INGALLS, Legal Counsel
- TRAVIS WILLIAMS
- JIM KELLEY
- EUGENE S. HALL
- JACK RILEY
- RUSSELL CARTER..

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On December 23, 1955, [redacted]

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[redacted] volunteered the information that he [redacted] of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, [redacted] did not volunteer any information as to the specific offices held by any of the other officers of this organization.

[redacted] did volunteer the information that he has personally searched the names of all the officers of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL through the voluminous personal file he maintains of reports and other publications by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. He stated that none of the officers have been mentioned in any of the documents. He stated that all of the officers are either known to him personally or known to him by reputation,

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and stated all are reputable and responsible citizens of either Montgomery County or Macon County, Alabama.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

The copy of the constitution of captioned organization, mentioned previously, contains the following section pertaining to AIMS AND PURPOSES of the organization:

"The CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, order and domestic tranquillity in our community and in our state, and to the preservation of our state's rights by peaceful and legal means."

The December 13, 1955, edition of the "Montgomery Advertiser" contains an advertisement which reads as follows:

"WHITE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL ALABAMA, rally to the support of your CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL which is dedicated to the maintenance of segregation, peace, order, domestic tranquillity in our state and (b) preservation of our states rights by peaceful and legal means."

ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS

PUBLIC RALLIES

The January 7, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carried an article "12,000 Attend White Citizens Council Meeting". This article reflected that the above meeting was held on January 6, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. The speakers included CURT COPELAND, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, identified as "Editor of Pro-Segregation Magazine, Arkansas Faith"; JIM JOHNSON, former Arkansas State Senator and Director of the Arkansas Citizens Council; CLYDE SELLERS, Police Commissioner, Montgomery, Alabama; CHAPPELL GRAY, member of the Board of Revenue of Montgomery County; HAROLD HARRIS, President of the Montgomery Dairy Producers Association; and CHRIS HEINZ, Mayor of the City of Selma, Alabama. Mr. JOHNSON in his speech referred to the decision of the United States Supreme Court pertaining to segregation in the public schools as "illegal and treasonable". He stated that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wants complete amalgamation of the races.

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Mr. JOHNSON also caused to be played at this meeting a recording purporting to be a recording of a speech made by one ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS of Howard University, Washington, D.C., at a secret meeting of the NAACP in Mississippi in December 1954. The only quotation of it carried in the Alabama Journal article was that it ended with the statement "we Negroes may even marry some white women in Arkansas - if we can find one fit to marry".

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At this meeting Commissioner CLYDE SELLERS of Montgomery received a standing ovation when he announced that he intended to become a member of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, according to the newspaper account.

An article in the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, on February 11, 1956, reported a meeting of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL held at Montgomery on February 10, 1956, with an estimated 12,000 people in attendance. A speaker at this meeting was Georgia Attorney General EUGENE COOK who was quoted as stating in reference to desegregation in schools "The time has now come to ----- use defiance, nullification and refusal to obey".

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DC Ala The main speaker was United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND of Mississippi who stated that resistance to desegregation should be by local means and violence and lawlessness have no place in "our organization". He urged organization and militancy in resisting desegregation and lauded the nullification and interposition act of Alabama Legislature.

[redacted] State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, advised on February 13, 1956, that he attended the above rally, but noted no incidents of disorder or violence. His account of the speeches added nothing to information already possessed. [redacted] Montgomery, Educational Committee Chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens Councils, advised on February 13, 1956, that the rally was free of any violence or any disturbances.

LITERATURE

On January 12, 1956, [redacted] advised that he attended the public rally of captioned organization at

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Montgomery on January 6, 1956. He stated he was given at this meeting a copy of a publication entitled "The White Sentinel" which is described on its face as the official organ of the National Citizens Protective Association. The copy of this paper was stamped with a rubber stamp as follows:

"CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, P.O. Box 2569, Montgomery, Alabama."

[redacted] also exhibited on January 12, 1956, the following literature which he stated was received by him from a member of the captioned organization who stated that the literature was received by him through the mails:

A reprint of a speech made in the United States Senate by the Honorable JAMES O. EASTLAND, United States Senator from Mississippi on May 26, 1955. A perusal of this speech reflects that it states that the decision of the United States Supreme Court pertaining to segregation in public schools was based not on the constitution of the United States and not on laws of the United States but rather on the teachings and writings of sociologists and other writers. The speech further cites a variety of information purporting to characterize certain of those sociologists and writers as being Socialistic or Communistic.

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A leaflet purporting to contain extracts from an FBI report showing crime statistics which appear to reflect that a disproportionately large percentage of crimes committed in the United States were committed by Negroes, is captioned "FBI Report Exposes the 'Brotherhood' Lie". The leaflet also urges the reader to join the NATIONAL CITIZENS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION and "help fight the Communist inspired race mixing".

A copy of "The Citizens Council", which on its face is described as the official publication of the "CITIZENS COUNCIL", Jackson, Mississippi, is stamped with the following: "Montgomery County Citizens Council, Post Office Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama."

A letter purporting to have been written by [redacted] of Brooksville, Florida, excoriates the Governor of Alabama for being sociable with Representative ADAM CLAYTON BOWELL of New York City. N.Y.

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On February 16, 1956, SA [redacted] obtained from the headquarters of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL captioned as follows:

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"This is a transcription of a speech made by ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS, a Negro high in the councils of the NAACP, at a secret NAACP meeting in Mississippi in December 1954, transcribed and distributed as an educational service by your CACC. If you really want to know what the real issue is, what the Negro really thinks and what the NAACP really stands for read this through." This transcript characterizes "the BILBOS, DENNISSES, LONGS, EASTLANDS, ELLENDERS and many others" as "parasites on the Democratic process who have been sent to Congress with bitter hatred and animosity in their black hearts for us". In the transcript the speaker characterizes Mississippi as "a land of oppression both for our people and for the impoverished white folks." The transcript purports to "ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS as expressing certain demands made by the NAACP, including a demand that the War and Navy Departments completely abolish all color distinction in the Army and Navy and a demand that all state laws prohibiting marriages of persons of different races be abolished. In making his statements concerning the demands, WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that the world marveled at the heroism and fighting quality of the American Negroes and states that "our good friend MARSHALL ZUCKOV of Russia reported to STALIN that although he could not understand why the American Negro would fight for America, Russia could never whip America as long as they had that splendid fighter and magnificent warrior the American Negro in their Army and Navy." WILLIAMS is represented in this transcript as making additional statements concerning the superiority of Negroes over white people.

In further describing and supporting the demand that laws against inter-racial marriages be abolished, WILLIAMS is represented as saying that the white woman is violently dissatisfied with the white men and they along with the Negro is demanding the right to win and love the Negro men of their choice and shout to the world "this is my man and he is a man in every respect."

In this transcription WILLIAMS is also represented as saying that great progress is being made in the State of Arkansas through the interventions of "our good friend ROCKEFELLER" who is stated to have recently settled in Arkansas

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A.K. and through him Governor ~~ORVILLE FAUBUS~~ of the State of Arkansas.. He purports to claim that Governor FAUBUS is ready to go along with many of the demands of the NAACP including the appointment of a Negro to the Alcohol Control Board, the integration of all state colleges and the securing of more than 100,000 free poll tax receipts. WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that FAUBUS has also promised not to sign any legislation unless it has been approved by "our own, the Honorable I. S. ~~McCLINTOCK~~". WILLIAMS is represented as claiming that the NAACP will absolutely control the next election in Arkansas. The transcription ends with a statement "I know this sounds like a Utopian dream to you people here in this city but it is almost an actuality in Arkansas and may be more."

The October 4, 1955, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carries an article which reflects that at the meeting of captioned organization on October 3, 1955, a printed sheet entitled "Segregation or Degeneration" was circulated at this organizational meeting, showing pictures of Negro and white movie stars and night club entertainers with their arms around each other.

[redacted] advised on February 15, 1956, that he attended the public rally of captioned organization on February 10, 1956, and there received a copy of a publication captioned "The Southerner", which, according to [redacted] is published in Birmingham and edited by [redacted] *nu* [redacted] identified [redacted] as a prominent spokesman for the American States Rights Association and as a "violent racist". [redacted] stated he did not have immediate possession of the publication described above at the time of the interview.

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RADIO BROADCAST

On February 15, 1956, [redacted] advised that as Chairman of the Educational Committee of captioned organization he has been engaged by radio station WMGY at Montgomery to give a weekly half hour talk, presenting the views of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL. [redacted] stated he has given the first address and said that it was primarily an educational talk concerning the NAACP. [redacted] stated that in this address he presented a considerable variety of information from the files of the House Committee on Un-American

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Activities concerning individual leaders of the NAACP. He said that the purpose of all his addresses will be to educate the people of Montgomery County of the "radical" nature of the NAACP, and of the need for white people to organize to resist the radical changes in the social structure of the South which the NAACP is attempting to force upon the south.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND LEGAL ACTION

On February 15, 1956, [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that in her conversation with [redacted] on February 8, 1956, [redacted] stated that the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL planned to "screen" all candidates for political office in this county and this state and to obtain from these candidates unequivocal statements of their views concerning segregation in the State of Alabama. He stated that the council would then do everything within its power to elect "the ones who think as we do".

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[redacted] also stated on the same date that [redacted] said that [redacted] told her on February 8, 1956, that the Montgomery County Grand Jury which was then scheduled to convene on February 13, 1956, was to be instructed to take up and consider the matter of boycott of the Montgomery City Bus Lines by the Negroes of Montgomery. [redacted] stated that [redacted] received the impression that [redacted] was actively engaged in soliciting information from the public at large which would assist the Grand Jury in finding criminal liability on the part of the bus boycott leaders.

On February 15, 1956, [redacted] furnished a leaflet similar to the leaflet obtained by SA [redacted] from the headquarters of the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL on February 16, 1956, in that it also contained a purported transcript of the speech of ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS.

In addition at the bottom of the leaflet furnished by [redacted] is the following:

"The Grand Jury meets beginning Monday, February 13th. Before it can indict and bring to justice those responsible for the boycott of the bus company, it will need evidence. If you have any information relative to Negro Goon Squad activities or other violence, or the names, dates or

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places of any Negro boycott meetings please call [redacted] phone 34419, or your solicitor, phone 6903."

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Ala. The February 13, 1956, edition of the "Alabama Journal" carried an article which reflected that Circuit Judge EUGENE CARTER, Montgomery County, charged the Grand Jury which met at Montgomery on that date to inquire into the matter of the boycott of City Bus Lines by the Negro people of Montgomery, to ascertain whether any criminal liability may exist.

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This case is being placed in a closed status and further information concerning the CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL will be reported in file entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA, BUFILE 105-43132. It is noted that this statewide organization of Citizens Councils was formed on February 17, 1956, with headquarters at Montgomery, Alabama, and file on CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL is consolidated into file on Statewide Organization.

Copy of this report is being furnished to the Birmingham Division for information because of information reported herein concerning [redacted] and AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

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REFERENCE: Bulet to Mobile dated 1/11/56
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**CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated
February 9, 1956.

Rerep was placed in a closed status. The status of this report has been changed to pending. You are instructed to change your copies accordingly.

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As you were advised previously the Bureau desires that a separate report be submitted on each citizens council formed unless it is a chapter of a state-wide or regional organization. There is no information available at the Bureau indicating that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is not an autonomous organization. Until such time as information to this effect is received, reports captioned as above should be submitted.

Also as you were advised previously, you are instructed to submit promptly the names of all citizens councils which have been formed within your territory. A separate report should be submitted on each if they are autonomous.

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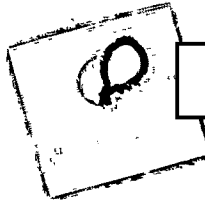
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There is being furnished you herewith one
copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated February 29, 1956, at Mobile, Alabama, concerning
the captioned organization.

You may desire to review the contents of this
report in detail in connection with the provisions of
Executive Order 10450.

The report being furnished you does not reflect
the results of a full investigation of this organization
but only information obtained through limited inquiries
being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this
organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate
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Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN CITIZENS COUNCIL
also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council
Internal Security - X

There is being furnished you herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 29, 1956, at Mobile, Alabama, concerning the captioned organization.

The report being furnished you does not reflect the results of a full investigation of this organization but only information obtained through limited inquiries being made to ascertain the influence, if any, in this organization of Ku Klux Klan members or others who advocate repressive tactics against minorities; to determine whether its programs and activities bring it within the purview of Executive Order 10450 and to develop data regarding this group's potential for violence.

The information furnished you concerning the captioned organization is for your confidential use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tomco II
4th and Adams Drive, Suite 102
Washington, D. C.

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet March 30, 1956.

Inasmuch as the captioned organization is affiliated with a state-wide group it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on the Central Alabama Citizens Council but its activities may be reported in connection with Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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cc: 105-33955 (Citizens Councils of Alabama)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/30/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
IS - X

Re Bureau memo to Mobile, 3/19/56.

The Bureau is referred to Bureau memo to Mobile dated 3/23/56 entitled ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS - X, Bureau file 105-33955, instructing that it would not be necessary to submit separate reports on each council organization in Alabama as the information submitted indicates affiliation with the state organization.

Information concerning the various Citizens Councils in Alabama will be submitted in one report in Bureau file 105-33955.

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CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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By memorandum dated March 13, 1956, the Department furnished the Bureau a copy of a publication entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation," which was circulated at the meeting of the captioned organization held on February 10, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. This leaflet was forwarded to the Department by an unidentified source. There is enclosed for the Mobile and Birmingham Offices one copy of the memorandum from the Department together with a Photostat of its enclosure.

Mobile and Birmingham are instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared this leaflet and information concerning its distribution.

In the leaflet it is announced that a book entitled "Declaration of Segregation" will be put out in April, 1956. The Mobile Office is instructed to obtain one copy of this book and furnish same to the Bureau promptly. In the event the Mobile Office is unable to obtain this book Birmingham should be advised and efforts should be made by that office to obtain one copy of the book for the Bureau.

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2cc SAC, Birmingham (W/Enclosure)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The leaflet referred to is extremely critical of the Negro race and contains inflammatory statements. It is believed advisable to determine what organization or individual is responsible for preparation of this leaflet, and also for its distribution.

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<small>U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE</small>

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A PREVIEW OF THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self evident that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black slimy, juicy, unbearably stinking niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pigmies, head hunters and snot suckers.

My friends it is time we wised up to these black devils, I tell you they are a group of two legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop helping these African flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

LET'S GET ON THE BALL WHITE CITIZENS

The Book "Declaration of Segregation" will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read the book.

NOTE: The above is a copy of handbills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum Friday night February 10, 1956, IN MONTGOMERY, Ala.

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11/2/99 *Walter N. S. C. A. M. W.*
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ENCLOSURE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/10/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT:

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RACIAL SITUATION,
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

ReMontels to the Bureau dated 1/30/56 and 2/1/56 concerning the bombing of homes of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and [redacted]

On April 5, 1956, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations, 206 Moore Building, Montgomery, Ala., advised that the following information was furnished to him on March 29, 1956 by [redacted]

Through a variety of alleged sources of information consisting mostly of maids serving in various white homes in Montgomery, Ala. and consisting in large part of rumor, there has been built up the following story concerning the bombings of the residences of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and of [redacted] in Montgomery, Ala. as reported in referenced communications. [redacted]

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On about the third night after the bombing of the residence of [redacted] T. P. SELLERS was allegedly admitted to St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery, Ala. suffering from a severe injury of one arm and burns in other places on his body allegedly resulting from an explosion. After some treatment at St. Margaret's Hospital and after an un-named physician who was attending him allegedly dropped the case, T. P. SELLERS was transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital at Montgomery. His arm was amputated and he later died as a result of his injuries. News articles are supposed to have appeared in the Luverne Journal, Luverne, Ala., and in the Greenville Advocate, Greenville, Ala., sometime after February 4, 1956 pertaining to the injury and amputation of T. P. SELLERS' arm. SELLERS is supposed to be a resident of Luverne, Ala. or was before his death. [redacted] allegedly attempted to secure a copy of the Luverne Journal carrying that

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story but was told that none was available.

After the death of T. P. SELLERS, [redacted]
[redacted] is alleged to have tried to collect
\$20,000 from [redacted] and other persons that was
allegedly supposed to have been paid to T. P. SELLERS
for bombing the residences of several colored leaders
in Montgomery.

[redacted] was unable to furnish any additional
information concerning the foregoing matter. He stated
that he planned to interrogate [redacted] further
for the identities of his sources of information.

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The foregoing is related as being of possible
interest to the Bureau. Any additional information
received from [redacted] will be promptly reported to the
Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka, Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama IS - X

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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] 4/20/56, Mobile, and Bureau memo to Mobile, 7/10/56.

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Separate files are being opened on each of the local Citizens' Council groups which were previously carried in instant file. Separate reports will be submitted in these cases by 8/11/56. A current report on captioned organization is being immediately prepared and will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 7/19/56.

Set forth below is a list of the organizations on which separate files are being opened, it being noted that pursuant to Bureau memo to Mobile 6/26/56 (Bureau file 105-49030) separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning the organizations on this list wherein "Klan Infiltration" is included in the title.

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
4. BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
5. BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
6. CHILTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
7. CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
8. CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
9. CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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To: Director, FBI

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Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
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10. DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
11. ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
12. ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
13. HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
14. HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
15. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO HOUSTON COUNTY,
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
16. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
17. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LOWNDES COUNTY,
ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
18. MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
19. MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
20. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
21. PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
24. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS'
COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens'
Council
25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Since the submission of report 4/20/56, information has been received concerning activity of three additional local Councils on which separate files are being opened.

To: Director, FBI

7/13/56

Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
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Limited inquiry is being made pursuant to instructions in SAC Letter 55-66, and separate reports will be submitted by 8/11/56, captioned as follows:

26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Twenty-eight extra copies of this memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have one copy available for each of the files on the above listed twenty-eight groups.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MOBILE	DATE AUG 14 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/12; 7/20;8/1;3,8/56
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: ① MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka Central Alabama Citizens' Council		REPC	TYPED BY : Amd
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SYNOPSIS:

Captioned organization reportedly now has over 12,000 members. It is affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. [redacted] is Secretary-Treasurer. [redacted] is a director. The council plans to hire a full-time Executive Secretary. A membership card indicates additional stated aims of organization to "defeat the NAACP, Integration, Mongrelism, Socialism, Communist Ideologies, FEPC and One World Government," and to "preserve the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, States Rights, Segregation, and our God-Fearing American Nation." This group has been very active politically, obtaining public statements on segregation from political candidates, calling for removal of a school official for allegedly favoring integration and making proposals pertaining to National Democratic Convention. In statement to press, State Senator SAM M. ENGLEHARDT publicly attacked the Supreme Court and [redacted] attacked the Federal Internal Revenue Bureau. Montgomery County Citizens' Council publishes a monthly paper now called States' Rights Advocate, formerly known as The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. The 7/28/56, issue contains an article indicating that the citizens' councils will use force to block

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DETAILS: The title of this report is marked changed to reflect the new name of captioned organization as the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council, and to indicate that it is also known as the Central Alabama Citizens' Council, inasmuch as it is still using some letterheads and envelopes bearing the latter designation. [redacted]

[redacted] of captioned organization, advised on August 8, 1956, that the name of this group was changed as indicated in approximately March of 1956.

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SCOPE

On August 8, 1956, [redacted] of captioned organization, advised that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council now has over 12,000 members. *R. H.*

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization issued July 18, 1956, reflects that it bears the serial number 12621.

AFFILIATION

State Senator SAM M. ENGLEHARDT advised on August 3, 1956, that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council is affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery. *SAM ENGLEHARDT*

OFFICERS

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization, which was issued July 18, 1956, reflects the signature of [redacted] *7/11/56*

[redacted] advised on July 20, 1956, that [redacted] an employee of the State of Alabama, is a director of captioned organization.

[redacted] advised on August 8, 1956, that the council intends to hire a full-time Executive Secretary, but that the person for this job has not yet been selected.

STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Examination of a membership card of captioned organization and of an Application for Membership reflects the following wording:

"I, (name of member or applicant) do hereby pledge myself to help defeat the N.A.A.C.P., Integration, Mongrelism, Socialism, Communist Ideologies, F.E.P.C. and One World Government. I will help preserve the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights, States Rights, Segregation, and our God-Fearing American Nation."

ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM

Political Activity

The April 28, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had circulated to all candidates for the Democratic nominations to various offices in the May 1, 1956, Primary voting a questionnaire pertaining to their views on segregation. This article reflects that only those persons running for Judgeship were not circularized in this fashion. The questionnaire contained the following questions:

1. Are you for segregation?
2. Are you for mixing whites and Negroes in our schools?
3. Have you or will you solicit the Negro vote?
4. Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?
5. Do you here and now say to the Negro that you do not want his vote?
6. If elected, will you uphold the Constitution of the Sovereign State of Alabama?
7. Are you opposed to FEPC or any similar legislation?

The Montgomery Advertiser of April 29, 1956, carried a sample ballot reflecting the names of all candidates running for Democratic nominations in the May 1 Primary. A count of

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these names reflected that there were 69 candidates who were running for positions other than judgeship.

The April 28, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser published the answers to the questions, as contained in replies from candidates. This article reflected that 61 candidates replied. There were 20 qualified answers to some questions, especially questions 3, 4 and 5, with most of the 20 candidates replying that they did not solicit the Negro "bloc" or answering that they did not want the NAACP vote. One candidate answered question five as follows, "I do not".

All candidates indicated that they favored segregation and opposed integration of the races in schools. One candidate said that he was not opposed to FEPC.

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The June 29, 1956, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, carried an article on page 9-D which reflected that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council charged that County Education Superintendent [redacted] had "committed himself to the cause of integration" and called for the Board of Education to dismiss [redacted]

The June 30, 1956, issue of the above paper carried an article on page 7-B in which Dr. DANNELLY stated that the citizens' council members who demanded his dismissal did not speak for the people of Montgomery. He charged that the citizens' council had acted on incomplete and inaccurate information and accused Attorney LUTHER INGALLS, a leader of the MONTGOMERY CITIZENS' COUNCIL, of using the council to "work out his own personal malice" against Dr. DANNELLY. 1. L. A.

The July 1, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried an article on page one reflecting that "White Citizens' Council leaders" had undertaken a campaign to "pressure" Alabama delegates to the Democratic Convention for a southwide caucus in advance of the convention. The article quotes State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT as saying, "We think it is high time that every council chairman put pressure on every member of his council to ask for a pre-convention caucus of the Alabama delegation with other Southern states". The article reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council endorsed this idea the previous week.

The July 18, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried a front page article which reflected that a committee

representing Alabama's delegation to the Democratic National Convention met on July 17, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama, and unanimously urged that a pre-convention caucus of all Southern delegates be held in order to solidify the South on the segregation question. The article reflects that Montgomery County Citizens' Council members ALLEN BRISLIN, GEORGE H. BOLES and K. G. INGE participated in that meeting.

This article indicates also that the same committee at the same meeting approved a plan initiated by the citizens' council whereby Alabama would nominate a "favorite son" candidate and then use the 20 minutes allowed for the nomination speech to "sell the cause of the South to the Nation".

The same article reflected that Senator JOHN SPARKMAN of Alabama favored a plan whereby the Alabama delegation would permit ADLAI STEVENSON to be nominated first at the convention. The article reflected also that Democratic Committeeman CHARLES W. MCKAY, JR. said he was opposed to any move to take Alabama's electoral votes away from the regular Democratic presidential nominee.

The July 24, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried a front page article which reflects that the "politically active Montgomery Citizens' Council" had made additional last minute efforts to organize a caucus of all Southern delegates prior to the National Democratic Convention. This article reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had conducted a poll by sending telegrams to Alabama's delegation members requesting their views on pre-convention caucus. The council reported that replies to their telegrams as of July 23, 1956, indicated that a ratio of 7 to 1 of the telegrams received showed that delegates were in favor of the caucus.

The July 25, 1956, issue of the Alabama Journal, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, carried an article which reflects that the "White Citizens' Council of Montgomery" had sent a telegram to Senator JOHN SPARKMAN asking him to authorize LAURIE BATTLE, Vice-Chairman of the delegation, to call a meeting of the delegation in preparation for a south-wide caucus before the National Democratic Convention. This article stated that Senator SPARKMAN said that the "press of ALA Senate business" had prevented him from replying to the telegram.

The August 3, 1956, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, carried an article on

page 8-A reflecting that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had passed a resolution urging a careful investigation of a proposed school amendment designed to preserve racial segregation. The article stated that the council said that the so-called "freedom of choice" amendment would "create a complex and confused system of mixed white schools". The article states that under provisions of the amendment the present school system would be abolished and replaced with one offering both mixed and segregated classes. Parents would have a choice of the type of school their children would attend.

STATEMENTS BY LEADERS

The April 24, 1956, issue of the Alabama Journal carried a page one article in which SAM M. ENGLEHARDT, State Senator, blamed the Supreme Court of the United States for "any further discord" which may occur in Alabama as a result of what he called "their new amendment to the Constitution". ENGLEHARDT stated, "This (referring to the court's desegregation order on buses operating within states) is one of the many amendments from that new lawmaking body, that is the U. S. Supreme Court, and we can expect many more in an election year. We in the Citizens' Council are still dedicated to the preservation by peaceful and legal means of segregation in all its phases".

The same article quoted Attorney LUTHER INGALLS, Legal Counsel of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council, as saying that this latest Supreme Court decree is another example of a movement toward a "police state". He said, "If people can't see now that a police state is coming, they never will. It is as plain as can be". INGALLS also called the Internal Revenue Department a "gestapo agency" seeking to "put the screws on, squelch and squash anybody who dares to speak up against the federal government".

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PUBLICATIONS

[redacted] advised on August 8, 1956, that since March 28, 1956, the Montgomery County Citizens' Council has been publishing a monthly paper originally called The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. He stated that beginning with the May 28, 1956, issue it has been called the States' Rights Advocate. [redacted] furnished copies of the June 28 and July 28, 1956, issues of this publication.

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On June 12, 1956, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, furnished the April 28, 1956, issue of the above publication, which is captioned The Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin. A perusal of the above issue reflected that it carries a number of articles which purport to show the difficulties and troubles which arise as a result of race mixing in other parts of the United States. Page two of this publication carries a photograph showing three Negro men and two white women mixing socially at a social event. The paper also carries an article, "Robbed Again", which refers to the number of decisions by the Supreme Court as "left wing decisions". In this article the Supreme Court is referred to variously as "nincompoops", "misplaced group of vultures", "robbers" and "arrogant dictators".

The June 28, 1956, issue of the States' Rights Advocate features a photograph on the first page purporting to show a group of young people attending a religious convention in Montgomery, Alabama, on the lawn of a church. In the group are observed a few Negroes, whereas the group is predominately whites. The caption reads in part, "Somebody's wife, a member of the all-white congregation of the church, served these Negroes along with the white children. Regardless of where it happens - we must demand that all of it be stopped". Repeated in the June 28, 1956, issue of this publication is the presentation of photographs reflecting socializing between Negro and white persons. One photograph captioned, "Results of Integration" shows a young Negro man dancing with a young white girl. This issue features an article showing a breakdown of white and Negro attendance in integrated public schools in Washington, D.C. Named school by school are certain of the integrated high schools, junior high schools and elementary schools, and figures are cited reflecting an overwhelming number of Negro students in each school compared to the white students; for example, Dunbar High School is said to have one white student and 964 Negro students. Following this tabulation is the sentence, "May Almighty God pity the poor white children who are being made the guinea pigs for this rotten experiment. We do not think Hades has a spot hot enough for those responsible for this outrageous treatment."

The July 28, 1956, issue of the States' Rights Advocate features a front page article captioned, "Supreme Court Creates Racial Hate Over U.S.". An article on the back page of this paper is captioned, "Forced Mob Rule", commenting

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on a statement by THURGOOD MARSHALL of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This article states, "He claims the citizens' councils are out not only to block desegregation 'but will use force to do it'. (Right this time)." The article states, "We are merely fighting to keep segregation, regardless of the supreme court ruling - as the NAACP fought to destroy the past rulings of the court, which stated 'separate, but equal'. If we are wrong now, they were wrong then". The article continues, "Let us hope mob rule will not be forced upon us in order to preserve our race, principle and way-of-life we desire and intend to keep".

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Copies of this report designated for intelligence agencies were transmitted by cover letter pursuant to Bulet to Atlanta dated 11/3/55, entitled CITIZENS' COUNCILS AND STATES' RIGHTS MOVEMENTS, IS-X.

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AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (3)

Will continue to follow the activities of subject organization through established sources and public sources of information.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/29/56, at Mobile, captioned CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka; IS-X.
Molet to Bureau dated 7/13/56, captioned KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 8/14/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka
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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 8/14/56 at Mobile,
6 copies of which are enclosed herewith.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Desk are
2 copies each of Volume 1 Number 4 dated 6/28/56, and Volume 1
Number 5 dated 7/28/56, of Montgomery County Citizens' Council
States' Rights Advocate.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 9/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.
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Rerep SA [redacted] 8/14/56, at Mobile.

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Activity of subject organization is limited and it is suggested that reports be submitted on a quarterly basis rather than every 45 days.

Accordingly, this file is being placed in a pending inactive status and, UACB, the next report will be submitted by 11/14/56.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 9/17/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH DESK

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY CO., ALA.
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka
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Rerep SA [redacted] 8/14/56, at Mobile.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Desk
are 2 copies of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council
"States Rights Advocate", Volume 1, Number 6, dated 8/28/56.

One copy was received from [redacted] (protect identity,
[redacted] on 9/9/56,
the other being received 9/1/56 through the confidential

Both received by SA [redacted]

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SAC, Mobile

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,
CITIZENS COUNCIL
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In connection with the letter directed to the Attorney General by [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, dated September 4, 1956, the Department has requested that the Bureau obtain and furnish the Department a copy of the publication referred to in the third from the last paragraph on page three of [redacted] letter. According to [redacted] this was an official publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

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You are instructed to review issues of the official publication of the captioned organization for the purpose of determining if any such statement concerning the use of violence on the part of the citizens council is contained therein. All issues containing such statements should be furnished the Bureau promptly.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 20, 1956

Director, FBI

RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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DATE 11/4/99 BY [redacted]

Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 19, 1956, in which you were furnished information concerning data supplied to a source of this Bureau by an individual named [redacted] to the effect that a new citizens council formed in Montgomery, Alabama, and other cities plans to take violent action against Negroes.

For your additional information the source who previously furnished information concerning this situation advised that he had a third meeting with [redacted] at 5 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [redacted] exhibited his driver's license which revealed his full name as [redacted]

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[redacted] advised the source he had received instructions from a member of his squad to be ready at 6 p.m., September 18, 1956, to be picked up and taken to a meeting somewhere outside the city of Montgomery which meeting was to convene at 7 p.m.

The source had a fourth meeting with [redacted] at [redacted] request about 9:15 p.m. on September 18, 1956, at which time [redacted] advised the source and Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, a leader in the Montgomery Improvement Association, that he had just attended a meeting of a white citizens council at Harrogate Springs, Alabama, which is located near Wetumpka, Alabama. [redacted] said that at this meeting a speaker by the name of [redacted] stated that all squads in Montgomery would receive orders from [redacted] or the next in command, [redacted] that the Negroes in Montgomery comprise 47 per cent of the population and they must be thinned out; that organized and regular squads will strike at a number of places at the same time; and that the time for action is getting close and all squads should be getting ready for immediate action. He told the source that the next meeting of this group is to be held at Harrogate Springs on the evening of September 21, 1956.

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cc Bufile 105-NEW (Unidentified Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama)

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Bell said he is presently residing at 828 Pelham Street in Montgomery and wanted to send his wife and child to Winter Haven, Florida, on September 19, 1956, and needed money for this purpose. The source gave Bell \$20.

The source advised that the Montgomery Improvement Association, which organization is sponsoring the boycott of buses in Montgomery by Negroes, had a board meeting on the afternoon of September 18, 1956, when they voted to write letters to Attorney General Brownell and to the FBI requesting an appointment to talk this situation over for the purpose of enlisting Federal assistance.

Governor James Folsom was contacted by a representative of the Montgomery Improvement Association regarding information furnished by [redacted] and Governor Folsom advised he was aware of some impending trouble and had already designated the National Guard commander and a special group of National Guard troops who will handle the situation if trouble arises.

Records of the regional office of the Veterans Administration reflect [redacted] who is believed to be identical with [redacted] described by the source, [redacted] dating back to June, 1944. [redacted] last appeared before a Veterans Administration board in January, 1956, and is presently receiving a 10 per cent disability allowance and formerly received a 30 per cent disability allowance from 1945 to 1947. He was discharged from the United States Army Air Corps on July 20, 1945, with a Certificate of Disability Discharge.

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Inquiry was made of [redacted] at which time [redacted] categorically stated [redacted] had supper at home at approximately 6 p.m. on September 18, 1956, and did not leave the residence until approximately 9 p.m. when he said he was going to see someone to get some money and he would be able to pay some of his back rent. He returned at about 10:15 p.m.

Letter to The Attorney General

at which time he paid [] \$12 on his bill.
[] said [] were still at
home and they were observed at [] residence at
approximately 6:30 p.m., September 19, 1956.

The above information has been furnished by
a representative of this Bureau to Governor Folsom.
Appropriate local authorities have been notified
concerning this information and intelligence agencies
of the Armed Forces are being advised. Any additional
pertinent information received relative to this matter
will be furnished to the Department promptly.

cc Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

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cc Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mobile requested Governor Folsom be furnished
information concerning [] and latest developments.
It was believed this is the correct action inasmuch
as Folsom had alerted National Guard. SAC, Mobile was
telephonically instructed to furnish this information
and to advise the Bureau the results of interview with
[] by police if [] is interviewed by police. Intelligence
agenices being advised by separate communication.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

September 28, 1956

Director, FBI

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,
CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 25, 1956, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," your reference WO:MWH:sbh 144-2-130, in which you requested this Bureau to obtain and forward to the Department a copy of a publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council in which it was stated that violence will be employed if it is necessary to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Reference is also made to my memorandum dated September 26, 1956, to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins captioned "Racial Situation, Montgomery, Alabama," a copy of which was furnished you.

The Mobile Office of this Bureau is being instructed to obtain a copy of the publication requested. Upon receipt of this publication it will be forwarded to you promptly.

105-43132

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Central Alabama Citizens Council has changed its name to Montgomery County, Alabama, Citizens Council.

Mobile being instructed by separate communication to furnish a publication requested by Department.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 25, 1956.

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

WO:MMH:sbh

144-2-130

SUBJECT: Central Alabama Citizens Council

Baumgardner
Wiley
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We are enclosing herewith two copies of a letter dated September 4, 1956, from [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama.

Your attention is directed to the third from the last paragraph on page 3. [redacted] indicates in that paragraph that the Central Alabama Citizens Council has stated in its official publication (perhaps in the issue of about July 18), that violence will be employed if it is necessary, to maintain segregation on busses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Please obtain if possible and forward to us a copy of the publication referred to. No investigation for the present is desired respecting the other allegations in [redacted] letter.

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Attorney General Herbert Brownell
Washington
District of Columbia

Dear Sir:

CRIM - CIVIL RIGHTS SEC.

My name is [redacted] I am a citizen of Montgomery, Alabama.
At present [redacted]

At about 3:00 a.m. on last August 25 a dynamite bomb was thrown into the front yard of my home. The blast damaged my home and several others in the neighborhood. It was apparently part of the reaction against me for working with the Negroes of Montgomery in their protest against inhuman treatment on the city's busses.

This, of course, was not the first time that dynamite has been used in an attempt to intimidate someone who was upholding an unpopular position. But there are other factors connected with the bombing and leading up to it which give many of us grave concern. These factors I shall attempt to describe below. Because of these things, we feel that the time has come when we must ask the Justice Department of the United States Government to make a thorough investigation of our local scene, particularly the actions of the members of our city commission.

On December 5, 1955, the Negroes of Montgomery began a boycott against the city busses which has continued nearly 100% effective until this day. A large percentage of the white population was so amazed that so many Negroes could be so dissatisfied about anything in the Southern way of life. They had to rationalize by saying that the Negroes were either intimidated or deceived by the NAACP or the Communists or by some other unknown outside agitator.

Our Police Commissioner is Clyde Sellers, who was elected by running on an anti-Negro platform. Sellers deliberately encouraged and distorted the above rationalization by accusing the Negroes publicly of using what he called "goon squads" to keep any other Negroes from riding the busses. He claimed that the majority of the Negroes really wanted to ride and were trying to do so. But that hundreds of them had been beaten up by the "goon squads." Yet only one case of intimidation by a Negro came to trial. And that was obviously a family quarrel.

For several weeks the city officials tried to force the Negroes to end their boycott, using all sorts of trickery and pressure. They went so far as to release a statement to the press that they had reached an agreement with the boycott leaders and that the boycott was over, when in fact no such agreement had been reached, nor had it been discussed with the boycott leaders.

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When the above-mentioned attempt failed to break up the boycott, or even to slow it down, the city fathers announced that the Negroes had been double-dealing and that there would be no more negotiations. Mayor ~~Gayle~~ said he was tired of "pussy-footing around" and announced that all three members of the city commission were members of the ~~FFF~~ White Citizens Council.

Montgomery, Ala
Police Commissioner Clyde ~~Sellers~~ announced at the same time that the police force was going to crack down. And indeed they did. literally hundreds of tickets were handed out for minor traffic violations, many of them on obviously trumped-up charges. Car pool drivers were stopped for questioning. A number of arrests were made. Dr. M. L. King was stopped for questioning one day. As he drove away, he noticed that one of the police cars had been sent to follow him. Naturally he drove with the utmost care, so as to avoid any possibility of getting a ticket. Finally, however, the policemen stopped ^(they must have had their orders), ordered him out of the car, placed him under arrest and took him to the police station. The ~~FFF~~ charge was driving 30 miles an hour in a 25 mile zone. *Ala*

There had been arrests and intimidation before this crack-down; but they were not nearly so widespread. Two examples will suffice. One young colored boy was escorting a colored lady across the street, holding her arm. About that time a bus and a police car rounded the corner. The boy was arrested for dragging the woman off the bus. In spite of the fact that the woman was wearing nothing but a light coat over a night-gown, and that she has not been working for years and could not have been going to work, and that she herself explained that she was going to the corner grocery store to get some food for breakfast. Fortunately the boy was acquitted. I myself was picked up and held for questioning by the sheriff of Montgomery County, because I had a load of colored ladies in my car.

Not long after the big crack-down, bombs were thrown at the homes of two of the Negro leaders. Not much damage was done, fortunately, though there were people in both homes at the time of the bombings. I received reports that seemed to be fairly reliable, that some Negro men working in a tavern in Montgomery had heard Commissioner Sellers talking to some men about the bombings, presumably before the bombings took place. I was never able to check these reports out. At the same time, rumors began to circulate that the bombs had been thrown by a relative of Commissioner Sellers; and that he had had an accident while preparing the next one to be thrown; and that he had blown his arm off. This latter rumor is not likely to be true, but it gives you an idea of the reputation that Sellers enjoys among the colored people.

This is not the full extent of Sellers' implication. On at least one occasion, and probably on many others as well, trustees from the prison have been sent to our meetings and services to spy. (They are colored, of course.) On the one occasion that I have direct knowledge of, the men were brought to the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, where Dr. M. L. King is the pastor. The trustees were questioned by some of the church officers; and they explained that Sellers had brought them, and they were instructed to report to Sellers whatever they had heard.

A great many other things have happened, in which the personal rights of many of our citizens have been violated. Several white pastors attended one of the mass meetings of the Montgomery Improvement Association. After the meeting, Sellers and several policemen were waiting to get their auto license numbers. Later on some of them were threatened and intimidated. I am sure that there are more cases that I am not aware of than those that I know about.

(Violations in the area of registration and voting are particularly bad. [redacted] has been making a study of this area throughout the state of Alabama. [redacted] in Montgomery.)

This brings us back to the episode of the bombing of my home. I do not believe that the bombing itself was as surprising or as dangerous as the reaction of the white officials. Mayor Gayle immediately branded the bombing as a publicity stunt on the part of the Negroes. And apparently the police have been ordered to find the colored people who did, or at least someone that it can conveniently be blamed on. At least four colored men have been arrested in connection with the bombing. And the detectives who are working on the case, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] are absolutely convinced that it was done by Negroes. As a matter of fact, due to the propagandizing of the mayor, many otherwise sensible white citizens are convinced that the mayor's theory is right. One further thing connected with the bombing. The small book in which I had my personal telephone numbers listed was missing when we returned after the bombing. The police deny that they had anything to do with it. But it is a rather strange coincidence, to say the least.

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And what of the future outlook. Reports from my white friends indicate that tension is extremely high. Some white lawyers have commented on the drastic increase in police brutality where Negroes are concerned. (This is a recent report.) It should not be too long before we get a favorable ruling from the U. S. Supreme Court, outlawing segregation on our busses. And Sellers has promised publicly that our busses will never be integrated. The Central Alabama Citizens Council has stated in its official publication that they will use violence if necessary to maintain segregation. (I read this in the issue of about July 18.)

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The Negroes know what Sellers is capable of. They know that all branches of the local government are stacked against them. So many of them, perhaps most of them are staying well-armed, ready to fight off the mob that could come any day. And as long as our local officials go on un-curbed, our local situation is potentially explosive.

On the basis of all these things, and others; for the protection of our citizens and the preservation of law and order, we urge the Justice Department to make a thorough investigation of conditions in Montgomery, Alabama.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted signature box]

Cc: Ohio District Office, [redacted] Montgomery Improvement Association

October 2, 1956

Mr. L. V. Boardman

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Donohue
Mr. Miles

Mr. A. H. Belmont

**RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Memorandum of 9/25/56 concerning a letter written to the Attorney General under date of 9/4/56 by [redacted] potential security informant of Mobile Office, complaining about conditions and possible civil rights violations in connection with racial situation in Montgomery, Alabama. It is noted [redacted] furnished a copy of his letter on 9/9/56 at which time he stated it contained certain exaggerations and rumors, some of which he had since found to be baseless, and that he trusts letter would not be taken seriously by Bureau or Department since letter was written to impress [redacted] in order to enhance possibility [redacted] would be invited to join Communist Party.

Graetz was interviewed 9/25/56 regarding his letter. He advised that most of statements in his letter are true and furnished some specifics. Basis for his vague allegations obtained and allegations based on rumor pinpointed. He stated he will not write any such letters in future without factual basis.

Memorandum received from AAG Olney dated 9/25/56 requesting copy of publication which [redacted] alleged contained statement of Central Alabama Citizens Council favoring violence, if necessary, to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery. Mobile has been instructed to obtain. Olney's memorandum states no investigation for present is desired respecting other allegations in [redacted] letter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That attached letter be sent to AAG Tompkins, copy to AAG Olney, furnishing comments of [redacted] regarding allegations in his letter. Tompkins is being advised that desired publications being obtained and that no additional investigation is being conducted in view of Olney's memorandum of 9/25/56.

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cc - Bufile 105-43132 (Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens Council)
cc - Bufile 100-135-61 (Racial Conditions, Montgomery, Alabama)

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- October 3, 1956

Director, FBI

**RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Reference is made to my letter of September 26, 1956, in which you were advised that [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, would be interviewed concerning his letter to Attorney General Brownell dated September 4, 1956. He has been interviewed and furnished the following comments which are set forth in the order mentioned in his letter:

Page 1, paragraph 2 and Page 3, paragraph 3 regarding bombing of [redacted] home

[redacted] stated his comments concerning the bombing of his home are factual. In connection with his statement that at least four colored men had been arrested in connection with the bombing, he added that he understood all were released or were not held on any charge. He also stated he recalled hearing from an unidentified source that when the first two Negroes were arrested immediately after the bombing, one of the arresting officers commented to the other that it was a pity [redacted] was not in the house at the time it was bombed.

Page 1, paragraph 3 regarding use of dynamite against others

Additional comments of [redacted] as to the bombing of other homes are set out below.

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Page 1, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, and Page 2, paragraph 1 regarding Negro boycott of city buses

[redacted] advised that most of the data concerning the boycott and [redacted] public allegations that "goon squads" of Negroes were preventing

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William F. Tompkins

people from riding buses, have appeared prominently in the press. According to [redacted] the press also carried the city commissioner's false announcement that an agreement between the city officials and the boycotters had been reached. [redacted] said that he, himself, was a leader of the boycott and had personal knowledge that no such agreement had been reached. He further stated he was unable to recall specific data concerning the one intimidation case that came to court, but said that the Negro who was accused of intimidating a prospective Negro bus rider was convicted. He added that it was his own personal impression that this alleged intimidation was a quarrel between the defendant and a girl friend.

Page 2, paragraph 2 regarding trumped-up traffic charges to discourage boycotters

[redacted] admitted that he knew of only one actual instance in which a traffic charge was, in his opinion, deliberately and falsely made to intimidate a boycott leader, and that this instance concerned the arrest of Dr. Martin Luther King which he mentioned in his letter. He said he has heard similar complaints from other persons but has no factual data concerning them and no basis for believing that they did take place.

Page 2, paragraph 3 regarding other arrests

[redacted] advised that the incident mentioned in his letter in which a young Negro was arrested for dragging a woman off a bus when the woman had never been on the bus, was highly publicized in newspapers and that he was present at the trial and heard the woman testify that she had not been on the bus but that the boy was merely helping her across a street. He could not recall the defendant's name but stated he was a student at the Alabama State College for Negroes. He added that the incident concerning his own arrest by [redacted] and his subsequent release without charge was also carried in newspaper accounts.

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William F. Tompkins

Page 2, paragraph 4 regarding bombing of
other Negro leaders' homes

[redacted] recalled that the bombing of the homes of Dr. Martin Luther King and [redacted] on January 30, 1956, and February 1, 1956, respectively, were highly publicized in the local newspapers. As to the stories purporting to implicate [redacted] or a relative of his in the bombings, [redacted] said this is strictly rumor with no known foundation in fact. He added that he, himself, did not believe this rumor which he heard from [redacted] of Alabama State College for Negroes, and stated he did not believe [redacted] has any data to support the rumor. He pointed out, however, that this particular rumor has gained wide acceptance among the Negro people despite the fact that no proof has ever been offered to support it.

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Page 2, paragraph 5 regarding [redacted] use
of Trustees as "spys"

[redacted] said that Dr. King personally told him about [redacted] sending Negro trustees from Kilby Prison to King's church as spys. He commented that the letter contains all the information he knows about this matter except that he has no doubt that it is true.

Page 3, paragraph 1 regarding police intimidation
of white pastors

[redacted] stated that information concerning this matter came to him from [redacted] at Montgomery who told him that he personally observed [redacted] and several policemen taking down license numbers from cars operated by white persons who attended the Montgomery Improvement Association meeting. He said he does not now recall the names of any of the white ministers who were later threatened, but that full particulars may be obtained from Reverend Robert E. Hughes,

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William F. Tompkins

State Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations. He advised that Hughes does not have an office at the present but is temporarily residing at Homewood, near Birmingham, Alabama.

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Page 3, paragraph 2 regarding registration and voting violations

[redacted] said he has no specific information concerning this matter and that although it is widely believed among the Negro people that city and county officials are in a general conspiracy to keep Negroes from registering and voting, he knows of no specific instances where voting and registration laws have been violated. He stated that [redacted] mentioned in his letter, has made a study of this matter and can furnish particulars.

Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding police brutality against Negroes

[redacted] observed that the only information he has received concerning recent police brutality has come to him about third hand. According to [redacted] one white lawyer, [redacted] known to [redacted] as a former Federal official under President Roosevelt's administration and former president of the National Lawyers' Guild, told him that he had heard from another white lawyer that there have been several cases in police court recently where it was brought out during the hearing that when the Negro defendant was arrested, blows of some description were struck by the arresting officers. In each case, [redacted] stated, the officers alleged the defendant had been resisting lawful arrest and had been armed but the officers were unable to produce in court the weapon allegedly possessed by the defendant. [redacted] said he is not able to vouch for the reliability of this information or of the source.

Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding racial tensions

[] believed the cause of racial tension was the widespread fear that Negroes would attempt to enter white schools in Montgomery when registration should begin and that it was feared trouble would result from these attempts. He stated that inasmuch as no Negroes attempted to register, the tension has since lessened markedly, in his opinion.

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Page 3, paragraph 4 regarding advocacy of force by citizens councils

Enlarging on the statement in his letter that the Central Alabama Citizens Council had stated in its official publication that violence would be used, if necessary, to maintain segregation, [] said this statement appeared in the July issue of the "States Rights Advocate," published by the Montgomery County Citizens Council. He said that on the last page of this issue an article appeared where a Negro leader was being quoted as saying that the citizens councils would use force to block desegregation, and immediately after his story appeared an editorial comment in parenthesis: "Right this time."

Page 3, paragraph 5 regarding anti-Negro bias of local governments

[] stated that the Negroes believed the city government as well as the county government in Montgomery ~~is~~ heavily stacked against them, but he said that the Negroes have faith in Governor James E. Folsom and believe that locally the state government is their protection against mob violence and local police persecution. [] said he is personally convinced that the present city commission is against the Negroes because each commissioner has publicly said so and they have all proclaimed their membership in the White

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Citizens Council. As to the county government, [redacted] said he was convinced that [redacted] is strictly anti-Negro because [redacted] made this plain to [redacted] when he arrested him. [redacted] pointed out that in the May, 1956, primary election, nearly all candidates replied to a citizens council questionnaire which had been circulated among the candidates which replies indicated they were all strictly anti-Negro, with few exceptions. [redacted] mentioned that this information was carried in the newspapers, both as news items and paid political advertisements. Graetz also said that the [redacted] and the Circuit Judge, [redacted] both clearly indicated their anti-Negro bias when they obtained indictments of numerous leaders in the city on boycotting charges and when they convicted Reverend King on that charge. [redacted] said he regarded these indictments and King's trial as clear examples of anti-Negro sentiment on the part of county officials.

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Page 3, paragraph 5 regarding armament of
Negro populace

[redacted] said that he has received so many reports that most of the Negroes' homes contain at least one gun, usually a shotgun or rifle, that it is beyond doubt to him that such is the case. He said that numerous statements made to him by his Negro friends also clearly indicate the Negroes have these guns primarily for possible self-defense against white mobs. He added that the Negroes had expressed the sentiment that they are afraid to call local police in the event of a mob because they believe that the police would be more likely to help the mobsters than their victims.

[redacted] stated he was not in possession of any further details concerning any of the incidents or allegations made in his letter.

Letter to Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

The Mobile Office of this Bureau has been instructed to obtain a copy of the publication referred to by [redacted] in his letter on page 3, paragraph 4. Upon receipt of this publication, it will be forwarded to you promptly. Pursuant to the memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated September 25, 1956, your reference WO:WHL:shh 144-2-130, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," no additional investigation is being conducted respecting the other allegations in [redacted] letter.

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Warren Olney III

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

October 8, 1956

Director, FBI

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,
CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated September 25, 1956, captioned "Central Alabama Citizens Council," your reference W0:MWH:sbh 144-2-130, in which you requested this Bureau to obtain and forward to the Department a copy of a publication of the Central Alabama Citizens Council in which it was stated that violence will be employed if it is necessary to maintain segregation on buses operating in Montgomery, Alabama. Reference is also made to my reply thereto dated September 28, 1956, captioned as above.

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In response to your request there is being furnished you herewith one Photostat of the July 28, 1956, issue of "States' Rights Advocate" published by the captioned organization. On the back page of this issue is an article captioned "Forced Mob Rule." In this article is a statement allegedly made by Thurgood Marshall of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in which he claims that the citizens council will use force to block desegregation. Immediately following Marshall's statement is an apparent editorial comment "(Right this time)."

All available issues of this publication have been perused and no other statements have been noted concerning the use of violence or force by the citizens council.

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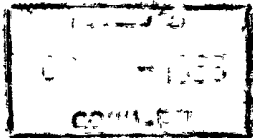
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CITIZENS COUNCIL
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ReBuAirtel to Mobile 9/27/56, and rep SA [redacted] Mobile, 8/14/56, and Molet to Bureau 8/14/56.

ReMolet furnished Bureau with 2 copies of the 7/28/56 issue of "States' Rights Advocate" published by captioned organization, on back page of which is article captioned "Forced Mob Rule", to which [redacted] referred in his letter to AG 9/4/56. Herep in synopsis and details refers to the pertinent article and details quotes verbatim the statement which indicates that the Citizens' Councils will use force to block desegregation. It is noted that this statement is in the form of an agreement with a statement allegedly made by THURGOOD MARSHALL of NAACP as follows: "He (MARSHALL) claims the Citizens' Councils are out not only to block desegregation, 'but will use force to do it'". Immediately following the quote from MARSHALL is the apparent editorial comment in parenthesis "(Right this time)". The article continues, "Let us hope mob rule will not be forced upon us in order to preserve our race, principle and way-of-life we desire and intend to keep". Mobile has no additional copies of this publication. In the course of investigation of captioned group, all available issues of its publications have been perused and no other statements have been noted concerning the use of violence or force by the citizens' councils.

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**Citizens' OK
 Independent
 Elector Slate**
 MONTGOMERY, Oct. 2 (AP)—
 Directors of the Montgomery
 County Citizens Council have
 endorsed unanimously an inde-
 pendent ticket of pro-segrega-
 tion presidential electors on the
 Alabama ballot in November.
 A Council spokesman, War-
 ren Marshall, said the direc-
 tors decided last night that
 "those of us who are against
 mixing the races have no
 choice but to vote for the in-
 dependent electors."
 "Both the Democrat and Re-
 publican Parties have made it
 clear that if elected they will do
 all in their power to mix the
 races without regard for the
 feelings of the white or colored
 people involved," Marshall said
 in a prepared statement today.
 The 11 independent electors
 are seeking to win a free hand
 to cast Alabama's presidential
 votes for a pro-segregation can-
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 out.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/24/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka
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Re form 0-1 dated 10/16/56.

Per Molet to Bureau, 9/13/56, this case was placed in a Pending Inactive status and the Bureau was advised that a report would be submitted on 11/14/56. Bulet to Mobile, 9/24/56, entitled KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X approved of this action, provided that certain points had been covered and reported. In this case, those points have been covered, except that in some instances, background data on some officers was not complete.

Captioned organization has recently selected a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively [redacted] and [redacted] and a new Board of Directors, consisting of 36 Directors. [redacted] is still [redacted]. This change-over in officers was only recently completed, the 36 Directors having been chosen early in October.

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It is anticipated that considerable investigative effort will be necessary to develop background data on these officers and it is pointed out that this investigation could not logically have preceded the elections. Accordingly, a report will be submitted as soon as substantial background has been developed and this will be probably about 11/14/56.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 10/31/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

Attn: Central Research Section

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.
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Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are 2 copies of the 9/28/56 issue of the "States' Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization. This is Volume 1, No. 7.

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TO : Director, FBI DATE: 11/7/56
Attn: Central Research Section

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
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Re Bureau routing slip 11/1/56 requesting that September and October 1956 editions of "Montgomery Citizens' Council States' Rights Advocate," be supplied to Bureau.

By letter 10/31/56 this office forwarded to the Bureau two copies of the 9/28/56 issue of the "States' Rights Advocate."

No additional issues of this publication have been published since the September edition according to [redacted] S. [redacted] recently discontinued PSI. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] E. [redacted] he was primarily responsible for the publication of this paper and he does not believe this publication will be continued since [redacted] is no longer on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council.

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In the event further issues of this publication are printed, copies will be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 11/20/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY CO., ALA.
CITIZENS' COUNCIL, Aka
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ReMoLet to Bureau 10/24/56.

Preparation of a report in this case is in progress. The report will contain names and other identifying information concerning 6 new officers and 30 members of the Board of Directors of this group.

Reason for the delay in submitting this report is immediate present occupation of the Agent to whom case is assigned on rapid developments of the racial situation in the Montgomery, Ala. area and Klan activities there. A report will reach the Bureau 11/23/56.

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re status of Oct 4 Mo. issues
of above pub. Also asked
if pub. has been discontinued (See serial 26)

5-1 note 12/20/56 "no October issue,
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captioned "Klan Infiltrations into
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REPORTING OFFICE MOBILE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MOBILE	DATE NOV 27 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/23;9/22,29;10/3,9,23,30;
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: <u>KLAN INFILTRATION INTO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA</u> <u>CITIZENS' COUNCIL,</u> Aka		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] 11/15 19/56	TYPED BY : Amd
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SYNOPSIS:

Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (MCCC) continues political activity to preserve segregation in Ala. Several members and officers were candidates as pro-segregation independent electors in recent presidential election and were supported by captioned organization. In Sept. 1956, captioned group made recommendations endorsing 2 Ala. judges who are known to favor segregation to fill Supreme Court vacancy then existent. MCCC elected new officers 10/22/56, these being selected by Board of Directors who were elected by membership earlier in 1956. New officers are [Redacted] Chairman; [Redacted] Aka [Redacted] Vice-Chairman; [Redacted] Secretary; [Redacted] Treasurer; [Redacted] Recording Secretary and [Redacted] Sergeant-at-Arms. All new officers reported to be reputable persons with no criminal records. They include a bank vice-president, 3 businessmen, 1 state employee and 1 railroad conductor. Names of 30 new Board of Directors members and 17 old Board of Directors members and 27 unsuccessful candidates for Board of Directors set out. Publication of "States' Rights Advocate" temporarily discontinued after Sept. 1956 issue. 2 officers of Montgomery, Ala. "Capital City Lodge" of U.S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, are members of MCCC and Klan officer states

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that the Klan is ready to work with the citizens' council.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to include the phrase "KLAN INFILTRATION INTO" in view of membership in captioned organization of two officers of the Montgomery, Alabama, Klavern of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, reported hereinafter.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The August 23, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser, daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reflects on page 2 that the Segregation Party was given official recognition in Alabama on the previous day when it filed its credentials with Alabama Secretary of State MARY TEXAS HURT. This article, authored by BOB INGRAM, reflects that this new Party has as its major objective the preservation of segregation and states it will offer a slate of 11 candidates for presidential electors on the November 6th general election ballot. The article states that all 11 electoral candidates are from Montgomery County, Alabama, and are all members of the Montgomery County, Alabama Citizens' Council (MCCC). The article contains statements by LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR of Hope Hull, Alabama, to the effect that the Segregation Party hopes to win control of Alabama's electoral votes and, cooperating with other Segregation Party electors in other southern states, to have a sufficient number of electors to constitute the balance of power in the national election; thus, to be in a position to bargain with both the Democratic and Republican Party candidates. DUGGAR indicated that in this manner the Segregation Party hoped to secure favorable commitments from one or the other of the major candidates. He explained that the Segregation Party does not have a presidential candidate of its own. This article identified the following persons as candidates for the position of presidential elector on this ticket:

LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR ALA
JOHN C. BEAGERTON, III
EDWIN T. PARKER
JACK S. RILEY
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON
RUSSELL CARTER

WARREN B. MARSHALL
JOHN FREDERICK DUGGAR, III
S. D. WATKINS
M. L. GRIFFIN

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The article reflected that JOHN FREDERICK DUGGAR, III had been elected president of the new party and EAGERTON had been elected executive secretary. INGRAM's article states that five of the candidates are officials of the MCCC, JOHNSON being Chairman; MARSHALL being Vice-Chairman and LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR, RUSSELL CARTER and JACK S. RILEY being members of the Board of Directors.

On October 30, 1956, Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a leaflet purporting to have been published by the "Alabama States' Rights Independent Electors". This leaflet is captioned "You Can Help Win the Fight For Segregation and States' Rights!" The leaflet carries a "Declaration of Purpose by Alabama's Independent Elector Candidates" and describes the candidates as "independent presidential electors" who are independent of the Democratic and Republican Parties; against the "so-called Civil Rights and Integration Planks of both their platforms"; as being in favor of the right of Alabama and every other state to control its schools and other internal affairs, and as being against the encroachment of the federal government into the internal affairs of states. This leaflet identified the candidates as follows:

- RUSSELL CARTER, Montgomery, Alabama
- JNO. F. DUGGAR, Third, Hope Hull, Alabama
- LEWELLYN M. DUGGAR, Hope Hull, Alabama
- JNO. C. EAGERTON, Third, Montgomery, Alabama
- M. L. GRIFFIN, Montgomery, Alabama
- EDWIN T. PARKER, Montgomery, Alabama
- J. S. PAYNE, Montgomery, Alabama
- JACK RILEY, Montgomery, Alabama
- TOM BELL SNYDER, Birmingham, Alabama
- JOE S. MEAD, Birmingham, Alabama
- TOM C. KING, Anniston, Alabama

The October 3, 1956, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, contains an article which reflects that the Montgomery County Citizens' Council unanimously endorsed the independent ticket of pro-segregation electors in the general election of November 6, 1956.

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This article quotes WARREN MARSHALL, then Vice-Chairman of the MCCC, as saying that the directors of that organization decided that "those of us who are against mixing the races have no choice but to vote for the independent electors". The article goes on to state that the independent electors were at that time still seeking a pro-segregation candidate for president, but that none had been singled out.

The September 22, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carries an article on page 5A captioned "Citizens' Council Endorses Lynn-Jones for High Court". This article states that the Montgomery County CC drafted letters to Senators LISTER HILL and JOHN SPARKMAN at a board meeting on the previous Thursday night, in which they urged the consideration of U. S. District Judge SEYBOURN H. LYNN, Northern District of Alabama, and Montgomery Circuit Judge WALTER B. JONES as possible choices for the then existing vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court.

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(T-1 had previously advised on ~~October~~ ^{SEPTEMBER} 19, 1956 that the above action would be taken. T-1 indicated that [redacted] was being recommended because his was the sole dissenting vote when a decision was rendered by a three-judge panel in the U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama at Montgomery, outlawing segregation on city buses. He said that [redacted] was being recommended because [redacted] has demonstrated in several decisions in his court that he favors maintaining segregation on buses.)

OFFICERS

The October 23, 1956, issue of the Montgomery Advertiser carried an article on page 1, which reflects that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of captioned organization, at Montgomery on the previous evening, the following persons were elected as officers of the MCCC:

JAMES S. KELLY, Vice-President of the First National Bank, Montgomery, Alabama - Chairman.

LANE BRISLIN (identified by Alabama State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR. on October 29, 1956, as ALLEN BRISLIN), Supervisor of the Refund Section of the (Alabama) State Gasoline Tax Division - Vice-Chairman.

J. D. ADCOCK, Conductor on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad - Secretary.

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EDWARD C. REEDER (identified by Senator ENGELHARDT as EDWARD C. REEDER), owner of Reeder Book Bindery Company - ALA
Treasurer.

RAYMOND BERNARD LOGAN (identified by Senator ENGELHARDT as R. B. LOGAN), Secretary-Treasurer of the Waco Fence Company - Recording Secretary. ALA

CADWALADER L. BEALE (identified in the files of the General American Credits, Montgomery, Alabama, on November 5, 1956, as C. L. BEALE), owner of Welder's Supply and Equipment Company - Sergeant-at-Arms.

This article reflects that the above officers were selected by the Board of Directors of captioned organization. The article identifies L. B. DENKINS as Acting Chairman at this meeting and states that DENKINS recognized CLYDE SELLERS, City Commissioner (Police Commissioner) and R. L. LAMPLEY, Montgomery City Fire Chief, as "members ex-officio".

This article identifies the following persons as members of the Board of Directors and reflects that they were elected to that position on the previous Thursday:

P. M. BEDGOOD
W. F. CADDELL (WILLIAM F.)
RUSSELL CARTER
J. J. DENNIS (H. J. DENNIS)
L. B. DENKINS (L. B. DINKINS)
LEW DUGGAR
JOHN EAGERTON, III
JOHN W. FORD
DAVID FOX
D. H. GUY
K. M. HARRIS
ISSAC HASSON (ISSAC HASSON, JR.)
LUTHER INGALLS
K. C. INGLE (K. G. INGLE)
L. L. LANE
R. B. LEAVELL
WILLIAM L. McLAURINE
JACK PAGE
SIMEON McNIELL (SIMEON McNEIL)
C. W. PEETS
JACK RILEY
W. L. ROWLAND (WILLIAM L.)

FRANK ROWLEY
SAM SEXTON
S. O. SHIELDS
JACK SMITH
J. R. SYFRETT
R. E. THOMPSON
DR. WILLIAM WELCH (DR. WILLIAM A. WELCH)
W. B. WYATT

(Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished on September 29, 1956, a ballot captioned, "Montgomery County Citizens' Council Official Voting Ballot", which, according to T-2, was circulated among members of the captioned organization. This ballot requests each member to vote for 36 directors of captioned organization for the year beginning October 1, 1956, by marking an "X" in the box in front of 36 of the names listed on the ballot. The names appearing in parenthesis in the foregoing list of the Board of Directors reflects the manner in which those names were spelled on the ballot).

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Records of the General American Credits, Montgomery, Alabama, exhibited on November 15, 1956 by [redacted] reflect that [redacted] of the First National Bank of Montgomery, Alabama, and is highly regarded in all respects. His records reflect that [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted] on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad and has been so employed since November 22, 1917. The records reflect he is [redacted] years of age and has 2 children. It is stated he is a person of good character and habits.

The General American Credit records reflect that [redacted] is Secretary, Treasurer and [redacted] of Montgomery. [redacted] records reflect that [redacted] is married, is [redacted] years of age and has one child. He is well regarded as to character, habits and ability.

General American Credit records reflect that [redacted] Montgomery. It is stated that he is a native of Montgomery, is married, is [redacted] years of age and is well regarded as to character, habits and ability.

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The General American Credit records contain no reference to the other two officers.

The names of all officers (not including the Board of Directors) were checked on November 15, 1956, in the files of the Montgomery Police Department and the files of this department contained no record pertaining to any of the six officers.

Records of the Montgomery Police Department were checked by [redacted]

Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR. advised on October 29, 1956, that [redacted] true name is [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] who resides at [redacted] is a person of excellent character and reputation and has been known to Senator ENGELHARDT for many years.

Senator ENGELHARDT advised that [redacted] one of the newly elected officers, is also personally known to him as a man of excellent character and reputation. He stated [redacted] has his business at [redacted] Montgomery, and resides at [redacted] Montgomery.

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The ballot furnished by T-2 contains the following names of persons who were members of the Board of Directors at the time of the circulation of the ballot and prior to the election of the new board:

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[redacted] (Aka [redacted])
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The above-described ballot furnished by T-2 contains in addition the following names of persons who were candidates for the Board of Directors, but who were not elected:

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PUBLICATIONS

Informant T-1 advised on October 30, 1956, that the "States' Rights Advocate", previously published by the Montgomery County CC, has been discontinued following the publication of the September, 1956, issue. T-1 explained that the former board member who wrote most of the articles for this paper and managed its publication was not re-elected to the board and no provisions have been made thus far for continuing this publication. T-1 stated that "The Alabamian", official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, parent organization of the Montgomery County CC, is being widely circulated among members of the MCCC.

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INDICATIONS OF KU KLUX KLAN INFILTRATION

Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 9, 1956, that [redacted] and [redacted] members of the Montgomery County CC, are officers of the Capital City Lodge, Klavern 23, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. T-3 stated that Klavern 23 is the Montgomery County, Alabama Klavern. T-3 stated also that an unidentified member of Klavern 23 has boasted at a meeting of that organization that he holds membership card #1 in the Montgomery County CC. T-3 advised on October 9, 1956, that [redacted] Alabama Klavern of the U.S. Klans, Knights of the KKK, speaking at a membership meeting of the Capital City Lodge at Montgomery, stated that the Klans stood willing to work with the citizens' council at any time.

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Careful consideration has been given to the use of T symbols and T symbols were utilized in this report only where identity of source must be concealed.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent To Whom Furnished</u>	<u>File No. Where Located</u>
[Redacted]	Independent elector leaflet and "States' Rights Advocate" dis- (by request) continued	10/30/56	[Redacted] (Oral)	105-233-36
[Redacted]	MCCC Ballot, Board of Directors election	9/29/56	[Redacted] (Oral)	105-233-1A
T-3 - [Redacted]	Klan infiltration	10/9/56	[Redacted] (Written)	[Redacted]

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Will follow and report activities of captioned organization and surep quarterly.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [Redacted] Mobile, 8/14/56.

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Date: 11/30/56

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CLAN INFILTRATION INTO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA
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Rerep SA [redacted] Mobile, 11/27/56.

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SA [redacted] on reviewing this report, which was routed to him 11/29/56, called my attention to statement appearing in second full paragraph, page 4, to effect, "T-1 had previously advised on October 19, 1956," etc., should read "T-1 had previously advised on September 10, 1956."

The stenographer to whom this report was dictated has advised me her notes definitely reflect that the date dictated by SA [redacted] was October 19, 1956.

SA [redacted] discovered the error within two days after the report was prepared.

I have directed appropriate communications to OSI, ONI and G-2, to whom this report was disseminated, to make appropriate correction. The Bureau is requested to do likewise and Mobile file copies have been corrected.

Under the circumstances, no administrative action is recommended.

Correction made on all for copies prior to dissemination 12/2/56

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DATE: 1/15/57

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5-1 to Mobile 3/20/57 requesting the Jan. 1957, and the Feb 1957 issues "States' Rights Advocate" AMBS. Jan. 1957 + Feb 1957 issues above reviewed, Routed + filed. AMBS. 4/5/57 AMBS.

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL IS-X

Rerep SA dated 11/27/56, at Mobile.

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No additional information of value has been developed regarding captioned council since submission of rerep. Pursuant to instructions set out in Bulet to Atlanta dated 12/13/56, captioned CITIZENS' COUNCILS; IS-X, this file is being placed in a closed status.

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Attached hereto is one copy of "The States Rights Advocate" dated 12/25/56, official publication of the Montgomery County Citizens Council. Only one copy is being furnished the Bureau as this office only received one other copy which is being retained in the Mobile file. The Bureau is requested to prepare photostatic copy of this paper if additional copy desired.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Mobile, Alabama
February 13, 1957

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
CITIZENS COUNCILS
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The February 4, 1957, issue of the Florida Times-Union, daily newspaper published at Jacksonville, Florida, reported on a state-wide meeting of the Florida Citizens' Council held February 3, 1957, at Tallahassee, Florida. ROBERT PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi White Citizens' Councils, was the principal speaker, stating that race mixing in the South is not inevitable and that organized aggression must be met with organized resistance. An education program must be pushed in the North, according to PATTERSON. Reverend GEORGE DOWNS, of Orlando, Florida, was named Executive Secretary and State Organizer. HOMER BARRS, Tallahassee, was named as Administrator to assist DOWNS. CHARLES CREEL, President of the Citizens Bank of Bushnell, was designated State Treasurer.

According to this same source, at this meeting an 11-man executive committee was named as follows:

1st Congressional District:	SAM PEACOCK, Brooksville, Florida M. L. FOKER, St. Petersburg
2nd Congressional District:	HERBERT J. LEXON, Jacksonville
3rd Congressional District:	W. H. COOPER, Panama City Mrs. J.C. BREWINGTON, Pensacola CHARLES ATCHINSON, Marianna
5th Congressional District:	BILL JOYCE, Daytona Beach H. C. KING, Bunnell S. C. BRYANT, DeLand
8th Congressional District:	J. B. HAND, Live Oak Former State Representative F. W. BEDENBAUGH, Lake City.

Also, according to this article, Dr. W. M. PETTY, Escambia County, Florida, was Chairman of the State Convention,

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and stressed that the citizens' council is not a hate organization and its campaign to preserve segregation will be conducted in peace and law.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat, daily newspaper published at Tallahassee, Florida, reported that the Leon County Citizens' Council would meet on January 25, 1957, at the County Court House in Tallahassee, according to G. F. FLOYD, Chairman of the county organization. The January 26, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on this meeting on January 25, 1957. This article reflected that this council lashed out at university students who are urging election of a Negro candidate as city commissioner in Tallahassee and urged fraternities at Florida State University to organize a campaign against integrationists.

The February 3, 1957, issue of the Tallahassee Democrat reported that Reverend GEORGE A. DOWNS of Orlando, Florida, an evangelist, would be the featured speaker at a meeting of the Gadsden County Citizens' Council on Tuesday, February 5, 1957, which meeting was to be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Gadsden County Court House.

The January 17, 1957, issue of the Panama City News, daily newspaper published at Panama City, Florida, reported that the Bay County Citizens' Council would hold an election of officers at its regular monthly meeting at the Court House in Panama City at 7:30 p.m., Friday, January 22, 1957. The article reported that JOHN HENRY SHERMAN stated that the nominating committee would present a slate of officers for the coming year. The article reflected other current officers of the group as EARL BOONE, Vice-President; JIMMY MARSHALL, Treasurer, and MARION HARRISON, Secretary.

The February 7, 1957, issue of the Mobile Press reported that incorporation papers of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council had been filed in Probate Court in Montgomery, Alabama. Purposes listed by the organization included "to preserve order and domestic tranquility...and to safeguard states' rights by peaceful and legal means". This article reported that the council's legislative committee was reported as designed to screen all political candidates and all political action concerning the council and to promote "ways that we may cooperate with our allies and defeat our enemies".

The January 12, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register, daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that

State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, Alabama, spoke at the January 11, 1957, meeting of the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile. The article reported about 700 persons were in attendance at the meeting. The article reported ENGELHARDT as saying the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is working underground every day in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the bus boycott at Montgomery was the brain-child of the NAACP. ENGELHARDT was reported as saying that the only thing for the white people in Alabama to do was present a solid front, and all white persons are needed to get behind the movement to "maintain our customs."

This same news article reported that C. C. (JACK) OWEN, President of the Alabama Public Service Commission, spoke at this same meeting in Mobile on January 11, 1957, and was reported as saying he would continue to do everything in his power to see that segregation is maintained. OWEN was quoted as saying, "in order to maintain peace, law and order, we must keep segregation in our public transportation systems". The article reflected the speakers had been introduced by JOHN L. MOORE, Mobile Attorney, and JESSE McCONNELL, Chairman of the South Alabama Citizens' Council, who presided at the meeting.

The January 24, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that a request of the South Alabama Citizens' Council for permission to use Mobile County Public School buildings for meetings was rejected by the County School Board, which reaffirmed a previously adopted policy that use of school buildings for meetings of a controversial nature would not be permitted unless both sides of the controversy were present. This article reported that Mobile County Commissioner J. R. MITTERNIGHT and JOHN McFERRIN appeared as spokesmen for the South Alabama Citizens' Council and argued that the organization's stand for segregation is not "controversial" and they advised that the primary purpose of the organization is "educational".

The February 9, 1957, issue of the Mobile Register reported that at a meeting at Mobile on February 8, 1957, the South Alabama Citizens' Council at Mobile passed a resolution urging the State Legislature to abolish any legal recognition of common-law marriages. Guest speaker at this meeting was DAVE C. MATHEWS of Grove Hill, Alabama, former Superintendent of Education in Clarke County, Alabama, who was quoted as saying, "I place at the door of the schools of America a great deal of the responsibility for the helluva mess we are in". He lambasted politicians in the Democratic Party for trying to force integration on the South. This article reflected that officers elected at this meeting for the coming year were JOHN DUPONT, Bayou La Batre, Alabama,

as Chairman; GEORGE MILLER, 2500 Dauphin Street, Mobile, Alabama,
as Vice-Chairman; HARRY F. KOLLIN, 304 S. Hamilton Street,
Mobile, as Secretary and HUGH CAUSEY, Mobile, as Treasurer.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/21/57

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There are forwarded herewith to the Bureau, two copies of "The States Rights Advocate" dated February 25, 1957. This paper is described on its face as the Official Publication of The Montgomery County Citizens' Council. This issue carries a headline "Commies Back NAACP Drive". This article purports to set forth details from an associated press dispatch pertaining to the program of the CP as it pertains to the movement in the south.

Also on the front page is an article "Against \$3.50 Yearly?". This artical sets forth the dues paid by CP members and reflects that the amount of dues paid is dependent upon the earnings of the individual member.

The front page also contains an artical captioned "Hoover Fearful", and quotes Director J. EDGAR HOOVER as stating "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism".

The front page contains another article headed "Brownell, Douglas Fight South". This article purports to describe the attitudes of Attorney General BROWNELL and Senator DOUGLAS of Illinois toward the south. It says that both of them "love Negroes and hate the south". The article states "Mr. BROWNELL says that federal troops should be used to see that more Negroes are given the right to vote in the south."

The front page also contains an article "Hershey Says Gray Got 'Benefit of Doubt'". This article is very critical of General LEWIS B. HERSHEY, Director of the Selective Service System because of his handling of the FRED GRAY induction case. It accuses Mr. HERSHEY of selling out to the NAACP.

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On page two appears an editorial "Congressman John Bell Williams Reports to Citizens Councils". After purporting to quote a message from President EISENHOWER to the NAACP in which EISENHOWER is reported to have said that he regreted that he could do nothing to stop the congressional investigation into school conditions in the "model for integrated school systems" in Washington, D. C., the editorial states "When the highest officials of our land play so directly into the hands of the subversive elements who are dedicated to the destruction of democracy by not only cooperating with them but by also sending them regrets when they are not able to publicly perform whatever tasks they demand, our ruling body has reached the lowest depths it is capable of reaching and still maintain any trace of an America."

Another article appearing on page two is captioned "The Scenic South in Darkness". This article purports to have been written by "Billy The Kid". This article suggests that persons who insist on integration should be branded with the hugh "C" on their brow. The article says "Then both colored and white people who respect their race would know that there is a person not to be trusted and especially not be accorded any service or respect".

Beginning on page one and continued on page four is a column captioned "Short Snorts". On page four, the fifth from last item in this column reads as follows: "You may have been contributing to a defense fund for members of the Ku Klux Klan accused of the Montgomery Bombings when you dropped your money in those syrup buckets but you did it openly and above board. In their greatest day, the Ku Klux Klan wasn't ever as well masked as the undercover actions and contributions made by the NAACP for the destruction of Southern state laws and for the defense of Negroes accused of every crime in the book, especially molestation of white women."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132)

DATE: 5/20/57

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-233)

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There are forwarded herewith to the Bureau two copies of "The States Rights Advocate" dated April, 1957. This paper is described on its face as the official publication of captioned organization. These papers were obtained by subscription under the pretext identity of [redacted] using confidential [redacted]

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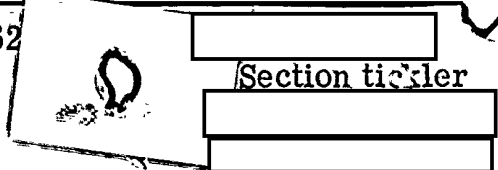
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The Bureau does not feel the additional expense justifies obtaining a second copy of "The States Rights Advocate." You should continue to forward only one copy of this publication.

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You should forward one copy of the July, 1957, No. 9 issue of the above publication as this issue has not been received at the Bureau.

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NOTE: [Redacted] Internal Security Section, advised he did not feel an additional copy of the above publication was worth \$16 per year.

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SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALA.)
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There is enclosed herewith to the Bureau one copy of "The States Rights Advocate" dated August, 1957, Volume 1 No. 10.

This office is aware that the Bureau desires that 2 copies of this paper be forwarded to the Bureau; however, as Mobile has previously advised, considerable investigative effort would be required to obtain an additional copy, in addition to the one received through a fictitious membership in the Citizens' Council and subscription to the paper. It is pointed out that another membership and subscription could be purchased, provided that Mobile rent another Post Office box at Montgomery, Ala. under another fictitious name.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not this expense, amounting to a total of approximately \$16 per year, would be justified in obtaining a second copy of this paper each month.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-43132) DATE: 10/8/57

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (105-233) Attn: Central Research Section

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY (ALABAMA)
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ReBulet to Mobile 9/17/57.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section is one copy of the "States Rights Advocate", official publication of captioned organization, Vol. 1, No. 11, dated September, 1957. Note that a clipping has been removed from page 4, backing on page three. This was a membership renewal application, which this office must use to renew the fictitious membership. On the back is an advertisement by the Burt Boiler Works, 755 N. Decatur St., Montgomery.

No copy of Vol. 1, No. 9, July, 1957, was received by Mobile. At the earliest logical opportunity, a copy of this issue will be requested from a logical source and forwarded to the Bureau.

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Short Snorts

Pore Ole' Black Joe. The NAACP done kicked his song off de market an' ain't nobody singin' Ol' Black Joe No mo'.

Wonder when the NAACP and others are going to start on the Advocate to eliminate any reference to negroes. They've succeeded in getting Mark Twain's classics barred from certain public schools.

MONKEY SEE . . . MONKEY DO. Had to laugh the other day in a department store on Monroe Street. Several negro boys were at the counter trv'ing on the latest thing.

Integration Fails

Thurman Sensing, Executive Vice President of the Southern States Industrial Council, writing in the Alabama Journal recently, brought out most forcefully what we have contended all along; that the Supreme Court of the United States would be responsible for any violence and bloodshed caused by their Black Monday decision rulling out "separate but equal" and directing that integration be the law of the land.

In his column Mr. Sensing asked "suppose the situation were reversed and there were 15 million white and 15 million negroes in this country with the whites being afforded separate but equal facilities. Does anyone think the whites would demand integration and the same facilities?"

That is the gist of the entire problem. Negroes would not let the whites have their own facilities because they are jealous of their white skin, their superior mentality and their overall ability to perform any given task or solve any given problem with an ease that is not possible with the negro except in

IS FAUBUS ACTION FUTILE?

Nation's Press Continue to Condemn Governor's Actions As Asinine

It is hard to understand the reasons for Governor Orval Faubus' actions in the Arkansas integration case in view of other incidents which have occurred in that state.

Faubus is reputed to be a close friend of Winthrop Rockefeller who was one of the big wheels behind the actions to destroy segregation in Arkansas in the first place. Rockefeller has vast holdings in the state and is an ardent integrationist. Like Eleanor Roosevelt, he has used his father's millions and the tremendous impact of the once-honored family name to the cause of integration. There is no way of determining the amount of money Winthrop has spent in the cause of the negro without a complete audit of the various foundations which bear his name.

Faubus also allowed certain col-

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE IN STATE AFFAIRS REEKS OF REDS ACTION.

President Eisenhower's action in federalizing Arkansas National Guardsmen for the purpose of guaranteeing integration in a state which does not want it is the first positive action taken on the part of the national administration to make the United States a federal state.

Supreme Court decisions based on everything except the constitution has already followed the Red party line to the extent that such action was threatened, with newsmen over the country falling in line by terming it the law, although the de-

cision was admittedly based primarily on Myrdal's American Dilemma, a book compiled by and written by known communists and party sympathizers.

The racial conflict created by the Supreme Courts integration decisions in the Little Rock case and the federal intervention in the case smells to high heaven. It is not only time for right thinking people everywhere to begin to pray for the preservation of this country as we know it, but time for them to become alarmed as to the future of their own homes.

It is only a matter of time until federal troops will be able to come into any private home and intern the occupants on trumped up charges as the Nazi troops did under Hitler and as the Russian Secret Police continue to do in Berlin and

Public Invited To Maxwell Integrated Football Games

Maxwell Field has had placards placed throughout the city inviting the general public, to come out to see a schedule of football games to be played there, without charge.

Maxwell Field, as all other government civilian and military installations, is integrated, with the Air Force seeming to attract more negroes than other branches. In all

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